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Rachel Mortenson

## Area youths playing for the pope Granite City's Mortenson selected for youth orchestra

By Becky Garrison  
Staff writer

Eight area youths are scheduled to perform for the pope during his visit to St. Louis.

All are members of the Young Catholic Musicians, the group that was asked to help

lead the singing at the Papal Youth Rally at the Kiel Center Jan. 26.

The members who are slated to perform are Shauna Bly of Collinsville, Rachel Mortenson of Granite City, Adam Lucke of Milstadt, Heather O'Toole of O'Fallon, Sarah Rhyme and Kathleen Rhyme of Belleville,

Rachael Poole-Rafedie of Caseyville and Christine Westhoff of Freeburg.

Rachel, a sophomore at Granite City High School, will play the oboe.

"I'm excited," she said. "I think it's neat that we get to play for him, he's a great person."

Rachel has played the oboe for five years and became a member of the Young People's Symphonic Orchestra in St. Louis this year.

She found out about the papal group after reading about it in a newspaper. "I went to auditions for it and I made it," she said.

Christine, a junior at Freeburg Community High School, will sing in a choir accompanying the orchestra.

"We will be singing a variety of uplifting, upbeat pieces," she said. I'm very

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## Election filing begins Monday Seats open in all three cities

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Candidates seeking positions on local city and village boards, school boards, and park or library boards to be filled in the April elections can begin filing petitions this week.

The first day to file petitions is Jan. 25. The last is Feb. 1.

Nine seats on the Granite City Council will be up for grabs. Seven — currently held by incumbents Bob Page, Brian Fuzessery, Patrick Davis, Robert Wofford, Eddie Asadorian, Bob Cook and Sandy Shaw — are for four-year terms. The remaining two, now held by Lurion Pulley and Mac Warfield, are two-year terms.

In Venice, four council seats, now held by Victor Valentine, Harold Wilson, Ruby Johnson and Celestine Williams, are open. Six of eight seats on the Madison City Council are up for grabs. Those positions are currently held by Alexis Lux, Ted Ostrenga, Sue Miller, Steve Hampy, Rochelle Williams-Gardner and Norris Horton.

Ostrenga's and Williams-Gardner's seats are both two-year terms; the others are four-year terms.

In Pontoon Beach, voters will select a new mayor, village clerk and three

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Brad Bradley, center, of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency office in Chicago, talks with Granite City residents Thursday night about the progress of superfund lead cleanup efforts in Granite City at Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. The program is slated to end this summer; residents who wish to have their yards checked for lead contamination must register soon.

## Cleanup meetings draw little response Registration deadline nearing

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A series of meetings by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the superfund cleanup of the Taracorp Site and surrounding areas in Granite City drew little response.

The 16-acre NL Industries-Taracorp site was a secondary lead smelter and refining plant from 1968 until 1983. Lead contamination from the site, including airborne smelter stack emissions and battery chips, have been identified in a number of residential areas in Granite City, as well as unincorporated Eagle Park Acres, Madison and Venice.

Cleanup operations are expected to cease June 30. After that date, there will be no opportunity for residents to request their yards be cleaned up or tested.

Since the cleanup efforts began, more than 1,100 residential properties have been processed. During the fall, the EPA turned remediation efforts over to the companies held liable for the problems. The companies dropped the EPA-hired OHM Remediation for residential cleanups in favor of ENTACT.

In addition, the EPA has cleaned approximately 100 yards and alleys in Venice and Eagle Park Acres, where

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## Evers' widow recalls fight for equality SIUE speech reminds listeners 'struggle' not over

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

The widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers said the day's events leading to her speaking engagement at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Thursday

reminded her of the ongoing struggle for civil rights in America. Speaking at the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Awards Luncheon, Myrlie Evers-Williams recounted the events of the day as she traveled to SIUE from Denver.

"I got up at 3:30 a.m. to get to the Denver airport to get here. It was a labor of love, but I've only had two hours sleep."

She said the struggle to get to the luncheon through the fog brought to mind the word she

has always associated with the civil rights movement.

"The word 'struggle' always brings to my mind the lives of others involved in the struggle for equality in this, our America," she said, emphasizing the word "our."

Evers-Williams recalled the words of King, who said the struggle is not just that of one or a few people.

"Dr. King always said 'I am not doing this by myself,'" she said.

She said the struggle is just as much for the "foot soldiers" of the movement as for the leaders.

For that reason, she urged activists not to become discouraged. She said that part of the struggle was in establishing King's birthday as a national holiday.

She brought laughter from the near-capacity audience when she recalled an ad for "Martin Luther King Day Sale."

She said the dream is really about much more than holiday sales. Evers-Williams said she waits with anticipation to see

what "people's business" in Washington is addressed when the impeachment proceedings are finished.

The priority issue, she said, is one that has been with America since its beginning — racism.

"In that regard, the term, 'as American as apple pie' makes me wish never to have a slice of apple pie again," she said.

"The torch must be kept burning with the fuel each and every one of us brings to keep it burning," she said.

Medgar Evers was assassinated June 12, 1963. He and his wife were business people in Mississippi and active in voting rights, fair housing and equal justice issues.

Evers-Williams and her three small children witnessed his killing but saw two hung jury trials in the case.

She moved in 1964 to California, where she received a bachelor's degree and became active in business, civil rights and politics.

In 1994, she saw her husband's killer, Byron de la Beckwith, convicted.



Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, speaks to an audience at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Thursday night.

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## Tri-City Red Cross plans for possible papal emergencies

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An enormous influx of people, uncertain weather and

all the other concerns about the upcoming papal visit have local Red Cross officials planning for the worst.

On Thursday, Leonard

Collins of the Tri-City Red Cross chapter met with Madison city officials about disaster planning.

Madison has agreed to

provide emergency shelter, space for approximately 550 people using its recreation

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## Lead cleanup meetings draw little interest

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battery chips were used as fill material.

Cleanup and capping of the Taracorp pile is also expected to begin soon. The pile is to be covered with a synthetic material, dirt and possible plants, all designed to keep water runoff from mixing with the pile.

At a formal meeting Thursday at the Granite City Township Senior Center, only one resident showed up.

Brad Bradley, a remedial project manager with the U.S. EPA Region 5 in Chicago, said turnout at all the meetings was low.

"In a sense, that's somewhat disappointing, but in another sense, most of the issues may be over already," he said.

"The primary purpose is to tell people we're winding down on the residential cleanup," Bradley said. "It's going to finish up around the end of July this year, and if you're going to sign up, sign up as soon as possible."

He said several people had signed up at an earlier

"In a sense, that's somewhat disappointing (the lack of participation), but in another sense, most of the issues may be over already."

**Brad Bradley**  
EPA manager

meeting at the Venice-Lincoln Technical Center Thursday.

Two more meetings had been scheduled for the Granite City Public Library Friday.

Bradley said the primary focus of the meetings was people who had not signed up for testing.

He estimated that number at between 300 and 500 out of a total of 2,400 residential properties in the affected areas. The primary concern is lead in the soil.

"It's not the only thing, but it's the driving force," Bradley said. "In every case, if we get the lead, we've got the rest."

In the residential areas, the biggest danger is to children under 6, who may ingest the lead-contaminated soil.

If enough lead is in their bloodstream, it could lead to neurological damage and lower

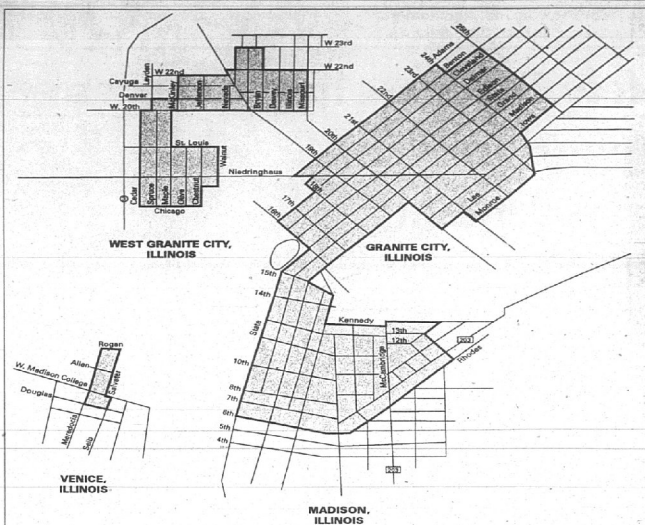
intelligence.

"There was a blood study done in 1991," he said. "It indicated that within about one-quarter to one-half mile of the smelter site, 25 percent of the kids were over the level of concern." The overall rate was 16 percent.

Residents in the area can still sign up, but the deadline is rapidly approaching.

"We have not set an absolute deadline, but it will probably be between April 30 and May 15," Bradley said. "In order to finish by July 31, you pretty much have to get the sample started by May 15."

To sign up for more information, call Bradley toll-free at (800) 621-8431 or ENTACT at 876-7216.



This map shows the areas being cleaned up by the Environmental Protection Agency's superfund project in Granite City. Meetings were held this week to update citizens on the progress of the cleanup efforts and to encourage those who have not done so to register for lead testing before the cleanup ends this summer.

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## Papal shirts latest fad among local schoolchildren

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

Papal shirts are the latest fashion fad at St. Boniface School in Edwardsville.

"The kids really like these because not everybody knows what they mean, but the kids know what it means," parish ioner Mary Ann Frey said.

She helped organize the Thursday shirt sale as a fundraiser for the school and to support Pope John Paul II's

visit Tuesday and Wednesday.

The shirts are designed along the same lines as a Nike logo, she said.

She said the children in the parish are excited about the papal visit.

"He is a pope for the kids," Frey said.

The pope has done much for young people, and he will be remembered for that long past his reign, she said.

Other shirts have a series of profiles resembling the pope in formal garb, which includes a

papal miter.

"These are popular with the adults. They can't keep them in stock over in St. Louis," Frey said.

She said St. Boniface is the only place people can buy the shirts on the east side of the Mississippi River. Hatpins and lapels are also available.

Shirts will be still be available to buyers who call the school.

The parish has raised \$1,500 for general expenses through the sale, she said.

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## New Congress has opportunity for achievements

### Bipartisan spirit will address many issues facing our nation

By Rep. John Shimkus

The beginning of the 106th Congress offers an opportunity to address many issues in a bipartisan manner.

Newly elected Speaker of the House Denny Hastert of Illinois offers a unique style of leadership. He will be able to cross party lines and keep us on track to accomplish our work on time.

We have some great successes of the 106th Congress to build upon. In 1997, we were able to pass bipartisan legislation that the president signed giving working American families tax relief while at the same time, balancing the budget. We also were able to extend the life of Medicare for our senior citizens.

Hastert outlined four priorities for the next two years:

- \* Retirement and health security;
- \* A secure future for children with a good school in a safe environment;
- \* Economic security; and;
- \* America's security.

In 1997, we were able to extend the life of Medicare until the year 2007. Now we must work toward a long-term fix for Medicare and provide realistic retirement options for our youngest workers.

Social Security is stable for current retirees, but their grandchildren must also feel confident of its future. As a former teacher myself, I feel our children must come first. Last year I supported a plan to put federal money directly into classrooms, where it can work, not into the hands of bureaucrats. Similar plans will be looked at again this year.

Our nation's economy is on an unprecedented growth pattern. To maintain that growth, we must put more money into the hands of our families to spend as they see fit, not as government might like.

As the speaker said, we must ask of every expenditure, "Is it really necessary?"

Finally, our military needs financial boosting. Our troops need the best equipment available. Our troops need to be compensated sufficiently to maintain readiness. The world has changed since the end of the Cold War. Our military must be prepared for unknown challenges ahead.

My priorities here in the 20th District will be focused on agriculture and transportation. Low commodity prices last fall and the current livestock concerns are forcing the agricultural community into the limelight.

I am working to see that farmers have the most opportunities to sell their products.

I also want to ensure that transportation projects included in the six-year funding plan passed last year are completed while searching for additional funds for area transportation needs.

In the Commerce Committee, on which I serve, we will be dealing with several consumer interests. I hope to protect the electric deregulation bill that the Illinois General Assembly instituted so that consumers receive the rate reductions as promised. I also will be working to protect telephone and e-mail customers from fraudulent slamming, cramming and spamming.

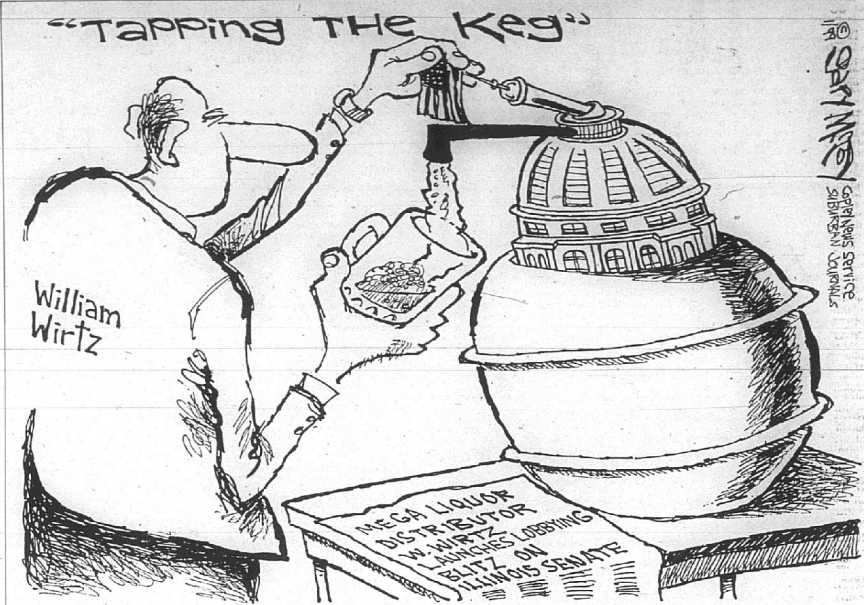
I believe that we will be able to work together in a bipartisan manner to do what is expected of elected representatives and what is best for our country.

Rep. Shimkus can be reached at his district offices in Springfield at (217) 492-5090 and in his Collinsville office at 244-3065. Also, check out Shimkus' Internet site at [www.house.gov/shimkus](http://www.house.gov/shimkus).

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## Pork producers don't have much to celebrate

### Congress, Administration must pitch in to help embattled industry

By Sen. Dick Durbin

Illinois pork producers are finding very little to celebrate in the new year.

A potentially devastating financial crisis is ravaging the industry and threatening a vital part of the state's agricultural economy.

Just before Christmas, I received a very compelling letter from Glenn Stumpf, a pork producer in Columbia. Mr. Stumpf, who operates a 160-year-old family farm, wrote, "I've been operating at a loss for most of 1998, but in the last three months, low prices have brought a once productive family farm from prosperity to virtual collapse."

Last week, I gave three employees I've had with me since before the flood of 1993 their termination notices.

Stumpf added that not even during the Flood of '93, when he lost 1,600 acres of crops and his entire hog operation, did he suffer the losses he has experienced in the last three months.

By meeting with pork producers and watching the market, it is clear the impending crisis we talked about on the floor of the U.S. Senate last summer has become a full-blown crisis on farms, in towns and throughout American agriculture.

The pork industry and pork producers in particular are facing unprecedented financial stress because of oversupply, reduced kill capacity in the packer sector and declining world consumption due, in large part, to the Asian financial crisis.

Hog prices are at the lowest point since the Great Depression. I believe it is important to note that the current market price of \$15 to \$20 per hundredweight (cwt) falls well below the break-even point of \$37/cwt to \$42/cwt. In short, in short, these prices won't even pay the food bills.

Producers are losing an average of \$25 to \$50 per animal they market, or nearly \$10,000 per semi-load of hogs. I have heard from a number of Illinois pork producers who have told me that they are losing at least \$1,000 per day.

If these drastically low prices continue, half of our nation's pork producers could be out of business. The industry is losing \$140 million to \$150 million each week, on average, as compared to the past five years.

Clearly, we are witnessing a full-scale economic crisis in the pork industry.

In Illinois and around the country, slaughter demands are being backed up. In fact,

## "Low prices have brought... virtual collapse."

Glenn Stumpf  
Columbia farmer

the slaughter bottleneck has even affected about 300 small Illinois packing plants that process anywhere from five to 50 pigs per day. Processing at these plants is backed up until at least March.

The low prices and this slaughter bottleneck caused a producer in Kewanee to give away the remainder of his herd, 60 market hogs, to anyone who would come to his farm and to ultimately leave production. Almost every day, we read about another longtime pork producer who has decided to give up because of this economic crisis.

Pork production is an important part of Illinois' economy, providing more than 20,000 jobs and contributing \$738 million in personal income in 1997. Our state is the third-largest pork producer in the country.

For our nation's pork producers, rural America and our economy, we need to do everything in our power to halt the falling prices and reverse this significant economic decline.

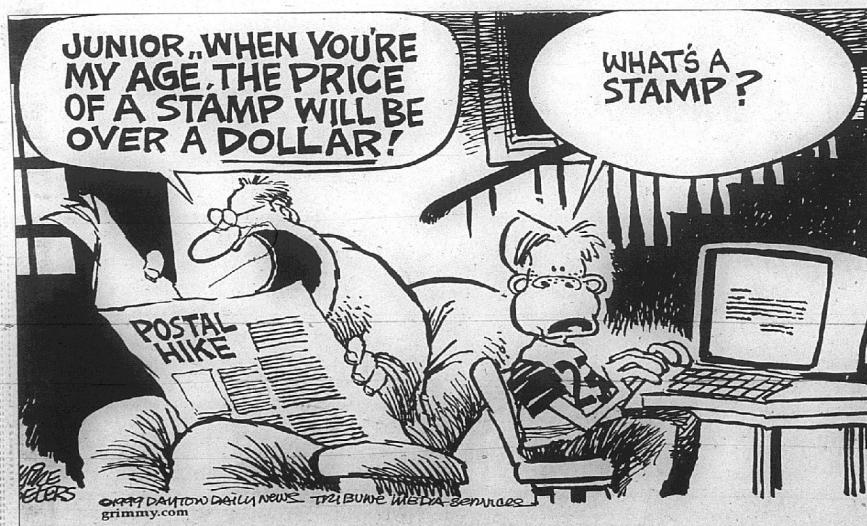
U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and the Clinton Administration have taken

some positive steps, announcing just before Christmas an aid package designed to boost demand for pork products, promote pork exports, increase hog slaughter and expand financial protection for pork producers. But we can't stop looking for appropriate ways to help producers during this difficult time. We also must work to improve the long-term viability of the industry.

The industry has suggested the implementation of a humanitarian "gilt lift" of hogs for Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Mexico; a disaster loan program for pork producers; guaranteed loan programs for producers in an emergency supplemental appropriations bill; and other long-term fixes.

Congress and the USDA should carefully, but quickly, review these proposals. To delay will only cause additional losses to America's pork producers.

Unfortunately, there is no easy solution to the low prices and processing bottleneck facing pork producers. However, a number of different proposals from Congress, the Administration and the industry, implemented together, may help end this devastating crisis.



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# Obituaries

## Doreen Basan

**DOREEN M. (SCHULDE) BASAN**, 67, of Springfield, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999, at Springfield Healthcare. Mrs. Basan was born Aug. 22, 1931, in Milwaukee. She had worked at Bill Burns Cafeteria and was a past member of Moose Lodge 283 in Granite City. Survivors include her two daughters, Vicki Basan of Springfield, Ill., and Cheryl Deardurff of Joliet; two sisters, Theresa Weiss of Fond du Lac, Wis., and Cordelia Pape of Menomonie Falls, Wis.; and six grandchildren, Thomas Jr., Robert, Daniel, Sam, and Chad Basan all of Cutter Ridge, Fla., and Dylan Deardurff of Joliet. She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Basan; her mother, Theresa Bachter; her father, Nicholas Schulde; and one son, Thomas Basan.

Memorial services were held Monday, Jan. 18, at the Church of the Brothers in Springfield, Ill. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Milwaukee.

## Marvin Bramley

**MARVIN R. BRAMLEY**, 99, of Carmel, Ind., died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1999, in Carmel, Ind. Mr. Bramley was a retired compiler for Gilbert Buick. Mr. Bramley was a World War I Army veteran. Survivors include his daughter, Patricia Cahn of Carmel, Ind.; one sister, Frances Lebeque of Baltimore, Md.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen (Strunk) Bramley. Services were held Friday, Jan. 22, in the chapel of Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon, with the burial following.

Flanner and Buchanan Carmel Mortuary handled the arrangements.

## Robert and Ruth Brave

**ROBERT BRAVE**, 77, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City. **RUTH (WILLARD) BRAVE**, 76, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Jan.

20, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Brave was born June 25, 1921, in Poag, Ill. He was a retired insurance agent from Country Life Insurance Company and was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, Men's Brotherhood, Masonic Lodge 355, Scottish Rite of Southern Illinois, Alford Shriners Temple Hospital in Unit, past president of Protestant Welfare Association, Noonday Optimist Club and the Church Council.

Mrs. Brave was born Aug. 24, 1922, in Venice Township. She was a homemaker and member of St. John United Church of Christ, Afternoon Women's Guild, past president of Madison County Homemakers Extension Association, was a 4-H Club leader for 10 years and was involved with the Church Council.

Their survivors include two daughters, Kathleen Mertz of Edgefield, S.C., and Christine Melcho of Locust Grove, Va.; two granddaughters, Karen Melcho of Richmond, Va., and Aneta Mertz of Raleigh, N.C.; Mrs. Brave's brother, Art Willard of Mattoon; and her sister, Mildred Schwendemann of Belleville.

They were preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Amelia (Bunger) Willard; his parents, William and Amelia (Gieseman) Braver; her brother, William Willard; and his sister, Lavine Braver.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 23, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial was Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the St. John United Church of Christ General Endowment Fund or Shriners Hospital for Children.

## Dorothy Legate

**DOROTHY J. LEGATE**, 63, of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, died

Jan. 17, 1999, at her residence.

Ms. Legate was born June 18, 1935, in Madison. She had worked as a supervisor at a health insurance company for many years at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include her sons, James Legate of Carle and Matthew Legate of Granite City; three daughters, Connie Stephens of Granite City, Felicia Semchew of St. Louis and Elizabeth Rakowski of Belleville; one brother, Ronald Hamilton of Edwardsville; one sister, Myrtle Lynn of Granite City; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Olivia (Halter) Hamilton.

Private services were held Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Warner Chapel in Granite City. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Ronald Hamilton, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or the masses.

## Arvel Lesseg

**ARVEL E. "LES" LESSEG**, 79, of Granite City, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Lesseg was born May 29, 1919, in Golden Eagle, Ill. He had been an auto mechanic at Illinois Power and was a member of the Lutheran faith, VFW Post 1300, the American Legion and a former member of the Migratory Waterfowl Hunters Inc., and Ducks Unlimited.

Mr. Lesseg was a World War II U.S. Army veteran in Europe, 3rd Army Transportation unit under Gen. George S. Patton.

Survivors include his wife, Lanell (Glenn) Lesseg; one daughter and son-in-law, Ronnie and Dennis Ribble of Cottage Hill; and one grandchild, Michael Noel of Cottage Hill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Anna (Krause) Lesseg.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Jan. 24, at Thomas Mortuary Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the funeral home in Granite City, with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Hills Cemetery in Belleville.

## Elmer Noud

**ELMER W. NOUD**, 76, of Glen Carbon, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Noud was born April 27, 1922, in Madison. He was a retired gas serviceman for Illinois Power and was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, American Legion, past vice president of Granite City Local 397 of the International Laborer's Union and past recording secretary of Tri-City Trades and Labor Council.

Mr. Noud was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran.

He married Rosemary (White) Noud, on June 23, 1948; she survives him. Other survivors include his two daughters, Linda Stoyeck of Virginia Beach, Va., and Barbara City of Glen Carbon.

Albert Noud of Granite City, George Noud of Shirley and Robert Noud of Madison are sons; Violet and brothers, Harry, Eugene and Donald Noud; and one sister, Marie Schoeber.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 23, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steve Pohman officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Cecilia Catholic Church, the American Heart Association or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Irwin-Scott Chapel handled the arrangements.

## Rose Pendleton

**ROSE H. (CAPPELLO) PENDLETON**, 73, of Granite City, formerly of Collinsville and Troy, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Pendleton was born May 6, 1925, in St. Louis. She was the organizer of the Family Card Club and was a member of the Troy Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include her daughters, Sandra Swalley of Granite City and Geneva Preuss of Troy; three sons: Troy "Bulch" Pendleton Jr. of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Frank Pendleton of Fairmont City and Perry Pendleton of Collinsville; two sisters, Nancy of Collinsville and Ann Killian, both of Collinsville; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Lake View Funeral Home in Fairview Heights.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the funeral home in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Hal Santos officiating. Burial will be Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

## Albert Pegg

**ALBERT M. PEGG**, 76, of Dade

City, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Pegg was born in Owensville, Mo. He was a retired furniture mover.

Survivors include his six nieces and nephews; 15 great-nieces and nephews; and five great-great-nieces and nephews.

Cakley Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

## James Pomeroy

**JAMES R. POMEROY**, 41, of Granite City, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Pomeroy was born Nov. 7, 1957, in Granite City. He was an auto salesman, attended First United Presbyterian Church and was a member of Masonic Lodge 877, Scottish Rite Bodies and Aired Shrine Temple.

Survivors include his wife, Karol Pomeroy of Granite City; his mother, Kathryn Pomeroy of Granite City; and two brothers, Kip Pomeroy of Granite City and Charles Pomeroy of Glen Carbon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Mary Pomeroy. Visitation will be 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at First United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the church. Mr. Pomeroy's body was donated for scientific study.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children.

## Carl Wantland

**CARL E. WANTLAND**, 80, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Wantland was born Friday, Aug. 2, 1918, in East St. Louis. He was a retired pipefitter and welder and was a deacon of Calvary Baptist Church and a Mason.

Mr. Wantland was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Loraine (Nann) Wantland of Granite City; one daughter, June Greenfield of Poa, Hawaii; one stepdaughter, Barbara Balthorn of Granite City; one stepson, Jimmy Thompson of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; a half-sister, Frieda Freeman; two grandchildren, Chris and Erica; and the step-grandchildren, Lori, Julie, Angeline, Jamie and Leigh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Elizabeth (Hillyer) Wantland.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Jan. 24, at Her Funeral Home, 501 W. Main, Collinsville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Leonard Wendel

**LEONARD WENDEL**, 76, of Granite City, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Wendel was born June 15, 1922, in St. Louis. He was retired

from Granite City Steel as an electrician and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. Mr. Wendel was a World War II U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Sophie (Krenicky) Wendel; twin sons, Leonard and Wendel of Springfield, Ill.; and Larry Wendel of Leguna Niguel, Calif.; one sister, Frances Robbers of Granite City; and one granddaughter, Laura Wendel of Springfield, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Clara (Sale) Wendel; two brothers, Frank Wendel and Hubert Wendel; and one sister, Dorothy Burich.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Jan. 24, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Services will be 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 3006 Washington, Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church.

## Marie West

**MARIE T. (BRENNAN) WEST**, 73, of Granite City, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at her residence.

She was born July 29, 1925, in Chicago. Mrs. West had worked at Magna Bank and was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Peggy West of O'Fallon and Donna Wille of Hillsboro; two sisters, Joan Kendrick of Burbank and Dolores Brennan of Joliet; and two grandsons, Kevin Wille of Glendale and Brandon Wille of Taylorville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Catherine (Ward) Brennan.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 22, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church.

## Patsy Wojciechowski

**PATSY EUE WOJCIECHOWSKI**, 63, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, in Princeton.

Mrs. Wojciechowski was born Aug. 22, 1935, in Carrier Mills, Ill. Survivors include her father, Shelby Parks of Carrier Mills; one brother, Charles Parks of Granite City; and the step-grandchildren, Lori, Julie, Angeline, Jamie and Leigh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Elizabeth (Hillyer) Wantland.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Jan. 24, at Her Funeral Home, 501 W. Main, Collinsville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church.

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## Area Red Cross planning for problems

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center, Madison High School and Madison Middle School. Mayor John Hamm made the arrangements Thursday afternoon after being

contacted by the Red Cross. Police Chief Steve Skoklo said their major concern was the huge number of people expected and the traffic it would create. He said the police department would concentrate its efforts near

Gateway International Raceway, which is being used to provide parking. Both Skoklo and Fire Chief Mike Foley said that if there is any kind of a medical emergency or fire on the interstate, it may be difficult for them to respond.

## Two honored at MLK luncheon

Beckwith, Gray given awards for community efforts

By Sanford J. Schmidt Staff writer

Two prominent Alton residents were honored Thursday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Awards Luncheon at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Josephine Beckwith, a long time civil rights and education leader, was given the Delyte W. Morris Legacy Award, primarily for her efforts in helping establish Southern Illinois University Edwardsville after Shurtliff College in Alton closed. Beckwith served on the staff and received a bachelor's degree and part of a master's degree at SIUE.

"She exemplifies Morris'

vision of access to education," a university spokesman said.

James Gray, president of the Alton branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was given the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award for his work in several programs aimed at achieving equality, such as minority hiring on the Alton police and fire departments.

"I thank God for the courage to place before Alton the issues the city needed to face," Gray said in accepting the award. Gray was nominated by U.S. District Court Judge David Herndon.

"While I always respected Mr. Gray for his efforts in the area of civil rights, I was particularly drawn into his community of admirers as a response to his

incredible efforts to show disadvantaged youth of all races that the pathway to security, fulfillment and happiness in life can be found in the hallways of our schools," Herndon said.

The annual awards luncheon carried the theme, "One World Embracing the Dream."

Myrtle Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, was the keynote speaker.

The luncheon honored several other scholarship and humanitarian awards.

Jason Hulbert of Mount Vernon won the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship and Humanitarian Award, which includes \$100 cash and a scholarship that provides for tuition or fees or housing for one year at SIUE. While candidates will be elected to school board positions in April, they will not take their seats until November.

## Area youths playing in papal orchestra

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anxious. I can't wait for the day to get here."

She said she was unaware that when the group auditioned that it was for the pope's visit, but said she is absolutely thrilled about it.

"It's a very humbling and honoring experience," Adam, a senior at Belleville Althoff High School, will play trumpet at the youth rally. He

has been playing the instrument since fourth grade and said the group has been preparing for the papal visit since early fall.

"I love to perform and it's going to be real neat," he said. "It's a special feeling because so many people will be there enjoying the event."

The Young Catholic Musicians is directed by the Rev. Bruce Forman, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Soudard. The group was founded 24

years ago and dedicates its time and talent to liturgical music in order to lead assembled worshippers in events in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and other parish churches and cathedrals within 150 miles of St. Louis.

The group consists of approximately 150 young men and women who make up the orchestral and choral groups.

Some information provided by reporter Scott Cousins

## Tri-City election filing commences Monday

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trustees. Those seats are now held by Mayor Glen Wilson, Village Clerk Mary Rowden, and Trustees Irene Karlechik, Gus Falter and Randy Presswood.

While candidates will be elected to school board positions in April, they will not take their seats until November.

In the Madison School

District, three seats — now held by Sharon Cass, Jeffrey Bridick and Joseph Garcia — are open.

In the Venice School District, seats held by Tyrone Q. Echols and William Tyler — a four-year and two-year term respectively — is up for grabs. The Granite City Library District will have two six-year seats available. Those seats

are now held by Ron Coleman and Kathy Antoff.

Local park boards are also electing trustees.

In Granite City, the seat held by George Sykes — a six-year term — will be up for grabs. The Venice Park Board will have three open seats, also for six-year terms. Those seats now belong to Harold Wilson, Jean Silas and Ricky Williams.

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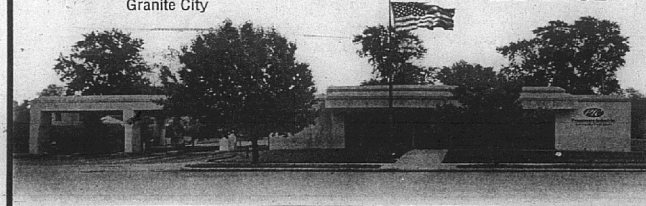
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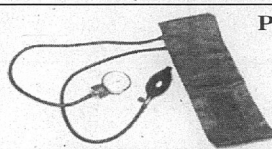
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## School Menus

**Granite City Public Schools**  
**MONDAY, Jan. 25**  
 Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, cherries, milk; Lunch: Pizza, green beans, sliced peaches, milk.  
**TUESDAY, Jan. 26**  
 Breakfast: Cooked oats, toast and jelly, banana, milk; Lunch: Grilled chicken patty, on whole wheat bun with lettuce and tomato, whole kernel corn, apple wedges, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27**  
 Breakfast: Waffles with syrup,

blueberries, milk; Lunch: Chili with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, celery and carrot sticks, mixed fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY, Jan. 28**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, orange wedges, milk; Lunch: Baked lasagna, tossed salad with light dressing, garlic cheese bread, apple cobbler.  
**FRIDAY, Jan. 29**  
 Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cinnamon applesauce, milk; Lunch: Fish on bun, macaroni and cheese, sliced carrots, pineapple chunks, milk.  
 Madison

**Public Schools**  
**MONDAY, Jan. 25**  
 Breakfast: Cereal and toast, milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, broccoli, bread, nachos, milk.  
**TUESDAY, Jan. 26**  
 Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, milk; Lunch: Chicken nuggets, French bread, corn, pears, burrito, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Hamburger on bun, dill pickles, oven wedges, pineapple upside-down cake, pizza, milk.  
**THURSDAY, Jan. 28**  
 Breakfast: Pop Tarts, milk; Lunch: Turkey a la king, biscuits, whipped potatoes, applesauce, hamburger, milk.  
**FRIDAY, Jan. 29**  
 Breakfast: Ham, egg, toast, milk; Lunch: Cheese pizza, tossed salad, salad dressing, peaches, Teddy Grahams, fish sandwich, milk.

**St. Elizabeth**  
**MONDAY, Jan. 25** — Lunch: Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, peas, bread slice, applesauce, milk.  
**TUESDAY, Jan. 26** — Lunch: Pizza pockets, corn, fresh fruit, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27** — Lunch: Cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, bread slice, pears, milk.  
**THURSDAY, Jan. 28** — Lunch: Hot dog on bun, tater tots, carrot sticks with dip, peaches, milk.  
**FRIDAY, Jan. 29** — Lunch: Twice-baked potatoes, salad, cheese cubes, garlic bread, mixed fruit, milk.

**Holy Family**  
**MONDAY, Jan. 25** — Lunch: Chicken patty on bun, tater tots, corn, apricots, milk.  
**TUESDAY, Jan. 26** — Lunch: Spaghetti with meat, cheese chunks, salad, baked apples, bread, milk.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27** — Lunch: Meat and gravy over rice or potatoes, green beans, slaw, pudding, bread, milk.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 28** — Lunch: Wrangler Burger on bun, noodles, salad, cherry crisp, milk.



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## Good Samaritan grant

The Good Samaritan House, a Granite City shelter which provides temporary housing for women and children in distress or need, was recently awarded a \$35,000 grant from the Deaconess Foundation of St. Louis for staffing, first-aid supplies and financial assistance. Shelter executive director Sherry Pursell, center, was awarded the grant at a recent dinner held at the 9th Street Abbey restaurant in St. Louis. With Pursell are the Rev. Jerry Paul, left, and Deaconess Foundation board chair Brent Baldwin.

## Granite City student among those on McKendree College forensics team

McKendree College in Lebanon reintroduced speech and debate in the fall of 1995, and the team currently is ranked 11th in the nation among the more than 200 colleges and universities that are members of the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Senior Adam Jenkins of DuQuoin brought home first-place honors in both Poetry Interpretation and Prose Interpretation when the McKendree forensics squad competed Jan. 8-9 in the 1999 University of Nebraska Cornhusker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. McKendree forensics coach

Rich Hunsaker described the Nebraska tournament as one of the toughest tournaments of the competitive season. "This is the first time this year a McKendree student has won first place in two events at a major college forensics tournament," Hunsaker said. "It is also the first time this season none of our parliamentary debate teams qualified for the elimination rounds." There were six preliminary rounds of competition leading up to the elimination rounds. Thirty colleges and universities from 12 states competed in the Nebraska Invitational. McKendree College students who participated were sophomore Ryan Anderson and junior Chad Kaffer, both of Belleville; juniors Joe Blasdel and Melanie Smith and senior Adam Jenkins, all of DuQuoin.

sophomore Darius Miller of O'Fallon; sophomore Erica Smith of Auburn, and senior B.J. Yurcisin of Granite City. McKendree's chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, an honorary forensics fraternity, initiated 11 new members Jan. 15, including seven who participated in the Nebraska tournament: Anderson, Blasdel, Jenkins, Kaffer, Miller, Erica Smith, Melanie Smith and Yurcisin.

The other three initiates were junior Jana Fischer of Lebanon; senior John Paul Garner of Buffalo, N.Y.; and senior Michele Jackson of Maryland Heights, Mo. The National Council of Pi Kappa Delta has voted to accept the McKendree College application for re-affiliation in the fraternity. Pi Kappa Delta is a national organization for intercollegiate debaters.

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## SEED STARTING AND PLANTING CHART

Crop	Indoor Seeding Date	Plant Outdoors
Spring Vegetables		
*Broccoli	1/8	2/26
*Brussels Sprouts	1/8	2/26
*Cabbage	1/8	3/4
*Cauliflower	3/24 - 4/7	4/7
*Eggplant	2/5 - 2/12	4/14
*Kale	1/8	2/26
*Lettuce	2/5	3/3
*Muskmelon	3/31	4/21
*Onion, seeds	1/22	2/12
*Pepper	2/5 - 2/12	4/14
*Summer Squash	3/17	3/31
*Swiss Chard	2/12	3/10
*Tomato	2/5 - 2/12	4/14

## ANNUALS (Plant Outdoors Any Time After April 2)

Indoor Seeding Date	
Ageratum	2/5 - 2/19
China Pink	2/5 - 2/19
*Coleus	1/8 - 1/22
*Dahlia	1/8 - 1/22
Dusty Miller	2/5
Flowering Tobacco	2/19 - 3/3
Geranium	2/5
Impatiens	1/15 - 1/28
*Lobelia	1/8 - 1/22
Marginal	2/5
Portulaca	2/5 - 2/19
Salvia	2/19 - 3/3
Snapdragon	2/5 - 2/19
Statice	2/5
Sweet Alyssum	2/19 - 3/3
*Verbena	1/8
*Vinca (Periwinkle)	1/8
Zinnia	2/19 - 3/3

\*It may be a little late in the season to start these varieties.

## Getting Started

The first step in starting seeds indoors is to think about the type of containers you can use. You will need to follow a few simple guidelines.

For example, the containers you choose should be at least three inches deep and they should also contain drainage holes. Once those simple requirements are met, you can choose from a variety of containers, including trays, clay pots, peat pots, plastic pots and more. If there is a container you are just itching to use, but it doesn't have drainage holes,

just make your own! A final word of caution on containers: If you are planning to use an old one, it must be cleaned with a weak solution of household bleach and water and thoroughly rinsed. This will help ensure that your new seedlings have a better chance of resisting diseases that may have been hiding out in the old container.

## Getting Your Hands Dirty

Now we come to the fun part: getting your hands dirty! Do not use soil from the garden for seed starting. If the ground is frozen, you won't have much luck anyway. Furthermore, soil from the garden often contains harmful organisms. Instead, use a peat-based potting mix. It's readily available at Frank's. Fill the container to within a half-inch of the rim with the moist planting mix. Sow the seeds evenly, in rows if possible, and at the depth specified on the seed packet. If the packet doesn't contain a good rule of thumb is to plant them twice as deep as they are wide.

## A Recipe For Success

Don't scrimp on the seeds! Sow more than you think you'll need. Some seeds will not germinate, and others may not make it past the seedling stage, so you'll want to be generous with them. This should not be a problem since most seeds are very inexpensive.

This is a wonderful activity kids love. So if you have children or grandchildren, help beat the January blues with this fun and educational activity.

## More Tips to Come!

So hopefully we've planted a few seeds in your mind on sprouting your own vegetables and flowers, but believe it or not, we've barely scratched the surface. So in Wednesday's Journal, we'll have plenty more tips on seed starting, including ways to keep your seeds moist, the proper amount of light seeds require, what to do once your seeds have germinated and much, much more!

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## Eddleman donation

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## Milestones

Melisa Williams celebrates a birthday today, Jan. 24.  
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## Stack hears arguments over condemned Glen Carbon shop

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

A judge will soon decide on the value of a condemned Glen Carbon convenience store that has been the focus of a year-long legal battle.

Associate Judge Daniel J. Stack heard arguments Thursday in the Madison County Courthouse in a legal battle between the village and John R. Hampton, the owner of Hamp's Quick Way, which closed in Old Town in 1996.

Glen Carbon filed a condemnation/ eminent domain lawsuit against Hampton on Jan. 16, 1998. Hampton owns the convenience store, a parking lot and an adjacent vacant lot at 134-138 S. Main St.

Village Attorney Gary Peel said developers may not want to build in Old Town with Hamp's nearby. He said numerous complaints have been made about rats and other vermin eating candy bars and other food items left in the old store.

"I suspect the village will get no developers if it's left with this eyesore, or rotten apple, right in the middle of Old Town," Peel said. "It's certainly not a place I'd want to put a restaurant next to."

Peel claimed Hampton has been uncooperative with village officials and building inspectors who have tried to encourage cleaning of the property.

Attempts by the defendant have not been sufficient," Peel said. He also said a building permit for restoration of Hamp's was never properly addressed by Hampton.

Hampton said he thought he had addressed the permit properly. Peel asked that the judge not consider Hamp's as commercial property because the business was

converted into a house in the mid-1980s. He also said the purchase price should be closer to the village's appraisal of \$90,000.

A separate appraisal sought by Hampton claimed the property is worth \$116,000. However, in court, Hampton said that the property is worth between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

His attorney, Brian L. Ransom, said between \$150,000 and \$200,000 is a fair price.

"As a bare minimum, he should get \$116,000," Ransom said. "It seems to me it would be better to leave it alone rather than tearing it down. There are no specific plans for his property right now."

Hampton said he believes the store could be repaired

for about \$5,000. But the judge said that will not be an option.

"I'll consider the market value of the properties in 1996," Stack told Hampton. "I don't think the building permit applications were (filled out) adequately."

"If you really wanted to fix up this place, you would have gone to meet with them and figured out a plan to renovate by now." Stack was scheduled to go with the lawyers to look at the condition of Hamp's. Both lawyers will file final written arguments and Stack will render a decision sometime after Feb. 3. Ransom's argument that the tax increment financing district in Old Town should be ruled invalid.

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# Change is not always a bad thing to experience, but a way to grow

In the blink of an eye, with the memory of August sand on our feet and the lustrous sunshine on our faces, gold, crimson and emerald leaves rustling, the squirrels hiding their acorn treasures and the night air bring a crisp chill to tell us autumn has arrived.

And with a wisp of wind, nature has once again changed as wood is placed upon a crackling fire to warm us. We look out our frosted widowpanes and see the world as it is covered in a winter wonderland of white. Change is a law of nature and essential for growth. "Oh Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom has Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches," Psalm 104:24.

You and everything in the universe are in a constant

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

wind of change, generation after generation, year after year and day by day, each in its own time. In Ecclesiastes, 3:1 to 9 it mentions almost every change that most everyone must go through. "A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to

mourn, a time to dance, a time to embrace, a time to refrain from embracing, a time to loose, a time to keep..."

So you can see, change is an inevitable happening and we must accept it as a natural part of life. Some changes can be frightening and uncertain, but take comfort to know that every change God allows is for the better. Look what miraculous works He has done in your life already.

The Scripture says, "All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose." His purpose is that we must grow and develop to our full potential.

Standing still can be the start of stagnation. It's never too late to begin a new task or fulfill an old dream.

Adventurous changes in life make your days vibrantly alive.

Do not run away from change just because you may be apprehensive about its outcome. If things are new to you, pray about them. Even if we are used to one way, there can be a better way. Sometimes you have to wait for conditions to change. Being told to be patient may be a bitter pill to swallow, but the rewards of patience are so sweet.

"Things happen for the best," said reader David Smith. "God is in control of our destiny, so be patient and remain positive."

Change is a downward spiral into an upward takeoff. Meet the challenges of change with a positive attitude. Only you can choose how you will react

to each given situation. Regulating our attitude to seek out the positive often determines our life's course.

"When you really look around, the positive changes outweigh the negative. You just have to be aware of them," wrote reader Pam Zahn.

Change is good. It's new, it can be exciting and different. Altering your viewpoint can transform your life.

Companies, executives and research scientists are always looking for innovative, creative ideas, making new discoveries, developing exciting plans, perfecting existing concepts. Improvements are made through change every day.

Today is a new beginning. If you ask Him, God will watch over you, protect you and shelter you. God will direct

your steps for His glory and for your good. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you shall go; I will guide you with my eye," Psalm 32:8.

In this changing world there is only one immutable, permanent and unchanging, dependable. That is God with His unwavering devotion, His faithful and steadfast love for every one of us. And remember, it also says in Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He has made everything beautiful in His time."

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## Granite City Park District offering several trips around country in 1999

The Granite City Park District will be sponsoring multiple-day trips from March through December in 1999.

Listed below are the dates of the trips and the destinations. A brochure will be ready for distribution at the Wilson Park Office after Feb. 15. The brochure will list the highlights of each trip, along with the cost.

The March trip will again be to Branson, Mo. The dates will be March 26 through 28.

The shows to be seen are Shoji Tabuchi, Boxcar Willie and the Bransonfest Show, featuring Jim Stafford, The Lennon Sisters, The Lennon Brothers, JoAnn Castle, Jack Inel, Ava Barber, The American Kids and others to be announced.

The April trip will take place April 29 through 31 and will be to Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

This Eastern Tennessee destination will include shows at the Louise Mandrell Theater, Southern Nights Theater and the Country Tonite Theater, plus a day trip through the Smoky Mountains with a box lunch. Dollywood will be an optional offering.

The May 13 through 15 trip will be to the Kansas City area, with visits to the Harry Truman Museum in Independence, Crown Center, the Hallmark Factory, and other things to be announced.

June will be the first extended trip offered by the Park District and will be a seven-day venture to Mt. Rushmore, S.D. This trip is filled with tours and sights along the way and will be from June 1 through 7.

July 13 through 16 will be a trip to the LaCrosse, Wis., and Rochester, Minn., area. Some of the highlights will be a tour of the famous Mayo Clinic, a tour of Camp McCoy, riverboat cruise and other interesting tours in LaCrosse.

The Aug. 17 through 19 trip will be to the Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, Canada area. Stops in Detroit will include the mansions of Henry and Edsel Ford and Greenfield Village and a day will be spent visiting across the border in Windsor.

Columbus, Ohio is the destination of the Sept. 14 through 17 trip. Factory tours, ethnic tours and other interesting things are planned, along with a visit to the Longview Basket Factory, where the corporate headquarters are housed in a seven-story structure built like one of the famous hand-woven baskets—complete with handles.

The Oct. 13 through 15 trip will be to southern Indiana near Huntington and Jasper. The itinerary there will be varied and include everything from an exceptional Abraham Lincoln Memorial to a monastery, furniture factories, a musical marvels museum and a tour of the amazing West Baden Springs Hotel.

November's plans are indefinite at this time, but a

trip to the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, Wis. and the surrounding area is in making. This trip will possibly be an overnight trip.

On Dec. 3 through 5, the group will go to Nashville, Tenn., for music shows, a new

tour of many of the stars homes, a tour and dinner at the Opryland Hotel and other stops to be announced.

The dates the trips will go on sale at the Wilson Park Ice Rink will be announced in the brochure, as well as the press

releases, which should be approximately six weeks before each trip.

The policy shall remain the same regarding sign-ups. Residents of the Park District will have priority, with non-residents placed on a

waiting list and notified of availability one week later.

Sue and Babe Champion are the tour coordinators and will be the hosts on all trips. If further information is needed, they will accept calls at their residence, or calls can be

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Applications are available at the Wilson Park office during the regular business hours.

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With its bleachers, post-game party, excesses, impenetrable gridiron heroics, awe-shucks go-filmed-in-Texas Blues' resumé, a boozing fantasy, a head of 'Porky's' Night Lights.

Set in the first football-mad West Canaan, Blues' follow between mad football coach (Jon Voight), second-string Jonathan "Mox" (James Van Der Beek), the audacity there's life on football.

Director Bruns suits up the clichés in a fast-stutter-steps farce to mellow back again. Casual churning good-natured from collegial (party-heavy) Amy Smart to Moxon's girly cinematographer.

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## MTV's 'Varsity Blues' mixes football, frat-boy fantasies

With its blend of post-game partying excesses, implausible gridiron heroics and aw-shucks good humor, the filmed-in-Texas "Varsity Blues" resembles little more than a boozy frat boy's fantasy, a head-on collision of "Porky's" and "Friday Night Lights."

Set in the fictional, football-mad Texas town of West Canaan, "Varsity Blues" follows the conflict between mad, maniacal football coach Bud Kilmer (Jon Voight) and second-string quarterback Jonathan "Mox" Moxon (James Van Der Beek, of "Dawson's Creek") who has the audacity to believe there's life outside of football.

Director Brian Robbins suits up the usual team of clichés in a film that stutters steps from crude farce to melodrama and back again. Van Der Beek's casual charisma, good-natured performances from colleagues Scott Caan (party-heavy Tweeder) and Amy Smart (Jules Harbor, Moxon's girlfriend) and cinematographer Charles

Cohen's fluid camera work provide the film's few saving graces.

Unless, of course, one likes fat jokes, naked hijackings of police cars, drinking contests that end in vomiting binges, sluttish cheerleaders and high school boys' nights out at a strip bar.

Welcome to small-town Texas high school life, a la MTV Films, in a film with more twangs than a locker room filled with elastic shoelaces.

While fall brings football madness to West Canaan, where Coach Kilmer is gunning for his 23rd district championship with the West Canaan Coyotes, backup quarterback Moxon intends to kill time with his football friends. We know he's not a true believer in football because 1) he reads a Vonnegut novel inside his playbook and 2) he wants to attend Brown University.

When superstar quarterback Lance Harbor (Paul Walker) goes down with a season-ending knee injury, caused by Kilmer's win-at-all-costs approach, Moxon finds himself in the

limelight. To the surprise of all, he rises to the occasion and the Coyotes march toward the championship that the coach and town crave.

His on-field creativity and distaste for Kilmer's bullying style, however, puts the young quarterback on a collision course with the revered coach just in time for, yes, the big game. Get a pencil and connect the dots from here.

There's one classroom scene in "Varsity Blues" and it tells a lot about the film's tone. With a whole curriculum to choose from, the academic course is, naturally, sex education, whose instructor Miss Davis (Toni Perensky) hopes to lower student inhibition in discussing the subject by getting them to repeat, in unison, the proper names for male and female genitals, among other things. Try finding that on a TAAS test.

As Kilmer, Voight gives a turf-chewing performance that answers the question, "What would Adolf Hitler be like as a football coach?" Not only is he sadistic, forcing overweight tackle Billy Bob (Ron Lester) to risk permanent injury by playing through pain, but he's racist to boot, keeping the Coyotes' workhorse running back Wendell (Eliel Swinton), the team's lone black member, from scoring touchdowns once the team gets inside the opponent's 20.

He also has West Canaan's police force, faculty and fathers, many of whom played for Kilmer, in his hip pocket. Opposing him is a high school senior whose heart, like most of the young Galahads who will identify with the film, is semi-pure. Filmed in Texas, "Varsity Blues" has more than a few touches that local audiences might appreciate.

## Horoscope

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**  
Under the Taurus moon, if you can take time for long back rubs, bubble baths, aromatherapy or gourmet meals, it will be memorable both for you and the person lucky enough to share these moments with you. This afternoon brings a square of our communication planet, Mercury, to the planet of lessons, Saturn. This helps us make accurate calculations and step-by-step plans.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**  
(January 24). This should be a year of passion. You direct your intense feelings toward your career in the next five weeks. The more socializing you do in February, the better — business will thrive when you enter into a new circle of friends. Your love life comes into sharper focus in March.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Spreading your energy to several projects brings the most results. Excitement is generated around one of your brilliant career ideas. Making any unreturned phone calls from the last month now will diffuse hard feelings.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Love relationships are positively redefined. A change in priorities makes it more difficult, but less important, for you to complete a small errand. Lend aid to a sibling or friend. Tread lightly on a relative's domestic turf.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When you are privy to classified information, power is in your hands. Enroll in classes that emphasize your



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artistic nature. Keep a friend from uncovering a secret — let things come out at a more appropriate time.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). An illusion of indifference is broken when romantic contact is finally achieved. Becoming more active in a volunteer organization helps your career. It's a good time to embark on a home improvement mission.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll find it surprisingly easy to speak up and express ideas. For greater creative success, clear your schedule so you are free from distractions. Some people are constantly asking you for favors. Be firm with a friend.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are called on to deliver the goods because you are the best. Romantic partners find the same old catch phrases meaningless. When you speak of love, use variety! The number 4 is significant.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Social events are for making

financial connections and furthering philanthropic goals. Because results come through at the very last minute, keep working hard even when rewards are hard to see.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Romance could be with someone who seems like your opposite. Turn down invites that have nothing to do with your immediate goals — temptations are plentiful, but your willpower is also at an all-time high.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Winning strides are made when you call up what's owed. Sharp observational powers put you exactly where you want to be on the popularity scale. Stay focused; a loved one sees you as an example of success.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even former loves are ready to discuss what went wrong in the past. Communication between couples improves dramatically. Singles can best assess their romantic future when financial worries cease.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Prestige increases when you show up at all the right events. Your family continues to make plans for you, so speak up if you don't like the way things are going. Parties you host tonight are a great success.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). For extra money luck, use proper grammar and build your vocabulary. It is the perfect day to reveal more of yourself to a lover. Keep in touch with school friends.

## 'Still Crazy' focuses on aging '70s glam-rock band's reunion, tour

On the surface, they're pretty distasteful — all of them.

The boys from the glam-rock band "Strange Fruit" weren't all that easy on the eyes to begin with, and two post-breakup decades of aging and forlorn lives haven't made things any better.

Thus turns "Still Crazy," a

film a studio publicist billed — completely on the mark as — "This Is Spinal Tap" meets "The Full Monty."

Is it a comedy or a drama? No matter. Its schizophrenia serves it well, and it ends up a poignant treatise on aging and the dangers of instant gratification.

Tony (Stephen Rea), Strange Fruit's erstwhile keyboard player, is a man who wears Jimi Hendrix's tooth on a chain around his neck. He finds himself broke 21 years after the band's denouement at "Wisbech," an open-air concert that was the pinnacle of 1970s performance rock. So he devises a scheme to get the group back together.

"You hated each other in the end," warns Karen, a groupie who essentially managed the band back in its glory days and is now a mom pushing 40. But Tony goes off in search of his former charms, determined to orchestrate their resurrection.

There's Hughie (Billy Connolly), the roadie who misses the camaraderie. There's Les (Jimmy Nail), who has started his own roofing business but deeply misses the music. There's Beano (Timothy Spall), the overweight but of jokes who is running from financial problems.

And finally there's Ray (Bill

Nighy), the former lead singer and glam boy who attends AA meetings on Prozac and is alternately bullied and coddled by his wife Astrid (Helena Bonham Carter). He's determined to show he's not too old to play the game.

At first, they manage to book a few nostalgia gigs. Their premiere, aboard a boat in Holland, is disastrous. But as they play together, the music they loved resurfaces — as does the arguing that tore them apart. It's a bit of a bait and switch in the first place.

"Still Crazy" is essentially a buddy flick, full of sexual jokes and four-bus flatulence and reminiscences of glory days. But something deeper is at play.

Much of what motivates the band is the premature deaths of their two main men, Keith and Brian. They idolize Brian (Bruce Robinson, who looks more like a glam-rock star than most real glam-rock stars), and their quest to understand what happened to him and preserve his memory acts as a metaphor for lost youth.

Rarely is the rock scene examined from the vantage point of aging performers, and attention to this keeps "Still Crazy" from stumbling into the mediocrity that its first 20 minutes foreshadows. All the men, and Karen as well, are living lives they feel are far inferior to the days when thousands of screaming youths would cheer their music. But it's a young man's game.

This hits Ray hardest; as the reunion tour progresses, he applies more makeup (Ziggy Stardust meets Gene Simmons) and grows ever more cadaverous as he struggles to recapture something he never quite defined in the first place.

"The tragedy of people like me," he says, "is our lives peak too early."

The music of Strange Fruit, written for the film by Squeeze lyricist Chris Difford and musicians Mick Jones of Foreigner and Jeff Lynne of ELO, is surprisingly memorable and will probably make for a good-selling soundtrack.

"Still Crazy" is directed by Brian Gibson from a script by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais.

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## Immediate impact

Althoff's Leib seems to have the Crusaders on right path

When I first was asked about Greg Leib, the 31-year-old first-year boys basketball coach at Althoff High School, my response was that I'd give him three years like any other coach I've followed.

I don't care if it's Leib, Dick Vermell of the St. Louis Football Rams or whoever becomes the coach of Belleville West football, three years has been my guide.

That's enough time for a coach to establish himself of himself, and that's regardless if it's a person's first head coaching position or if it's a new start as in the case of Leib, who was the varsity coach at Roxana for four seasons.

Notice, I do not base my appraisal only on wins or losses. I do know though that Roxana, not your traditional holed of Class A basketball, won an IHSA regional title in 1994.

And I know at Althoff, Leib has continued to display the traits that allowed him to come there not just as a respected coach but as a math teacher.

"He's enthusiastic, and he knows the game," said Larry Graham, the former SIUE-Edwardsville coach now leading Florissant Valley's men's team. At SIUE, Leib was Graham's first recruit in 1985.

At Althoff this season, Leib has been organized. In a short time, he had his players understanding their roles. Doing such allowed the Crusaders to visit Lebanon on Jan. 12 and come away with a 78-59 victory against a team that featured the Metro East's leading scorer in Les Norman at 31.5 points per game.

Leib's secret was to employ a 2-3 zone defense and try to limit Norman, who scored 29 points, and D'Mohnte Singleton, who added 15, and their teammates to one shot per possession.

That sounds like a logical plan, but the Crusaders did something else — they recorded a season-high 78 points. Senior Scott Timmermann led the way with 27.

With an 8-6 record after that victory, making an 0-4 start long forgotten, Althoff and Leib supported the words I had heard from opposing coaches and even officials — such as: "He's doing a good job," "They're competitive," and "You've got to prepare for them."

The latter struck me in the face after the Lebanon game since Leib began the season with a man-to-man defense but now has let opponents know the Crusaders are capable of more.

Will Althoff finish over .500? The schedule, including the IHSA Class AA postseason, can create doubts. But my bet is if Leib continues on his current path, he has a shot at dispelling my "three-year" theory.

### Overtime

A graduate of Flora High School, where the varsity was 79-12 during his three seasons, Leib was limited to two years of play at SIUE due to knee injuries. He also served as an assistant coach at SIUE for coach Jack Margenthaler.



Art Voellinger  
Sports Views



Granite City's Lenny Wilson moves the puck down the ice. Granite City and Florissant (Mo.) McCluer skated to an 8-8 tie Thursday.

Tim Stephenson photo

## Granite City ties Comets

### Warriors feel foggy after allowing rally

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Cloudy conditions dominated Thursday night's Mid-States Club Hockey Association game at Wilson Park Ice Rink. The surface was covered with a layer of fog from one end to the other.

With that background, Granite City and Florissant (Mo.) McCluer proceeded to put on a scorefest that ended in an 8-8 tie.

The game started off well on the scoresheet for the Warriors Junior Kyle Hensley rushed end-to-end, deked a defenseman, and beat Comets goaltender Denny Stelling. Ty Suhre then made it 2-0 on a blast from the slot with the Warriors on the power play.

But then Granite City's schizophrenic tendencies showed. Warriors goalie Brian Reese misplayed a clearing attempt and Sean Rakers made him pay. Brian Conrey got McCluer even when he was left open in front of the Granite net.

Each team added one more goal before the first period ended.

Granite City's came when Greg Pritchard streaked down the ice, caught up to the puck at the same time as Stelling and hooked the puck into the net while falling.

The second period was all Granite City. Danny Forguson, Justin King and Suhre scored to give the Warriors a three-goal lead — 6-3 — after two.

But Rakers got his second goal in the third period, outscoring the Eagles 19-6.

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## Venice holds off Columbia in Sparta Tournament

By Garen Vartanian  
Staff writer

Paul Roberts nailed four free throws in the final 37 seconds Thursday, helping Venice hold off Columbia 62-56 in a first-round game at the Sparta Mid-Winter Classic.

John Chatman added a dunk with five seconds remaining to seal the Red Devils' triumph.

Roberts' free throws seal win for Red Devils

Columbia's problems came at the free-throw line, where they made only 8 of 19. Columbia was just 9 of 17 from the foul line in a 63-59 opening-round overtime loss to Waterloo on Tuesday.

"The way that you put those things away and extend those things is by knocking down the free throws," said Columbia coach Dave Touchette, whose squad made just 3 of 9 free throws in the final quarter on Wednesday. "We'll keep plugging away at it. Nothing holds a team back more than scoring when the clock is off, uncontested from the line."

Columbia played without senior Kyle Steele, who rolled his ankle two minutes into the Waterloo game on Tuesday.

The Eagles actually dominated most of the first half, racing to leads of 20-12, 28-18 and 31-22.

But Venice (8-6) took control in the third period, outscoring the Eagles 19-6.

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## Hairston has been unstoppable for Lancers

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

It's no secret Stetson Hairston is the top offensive threat for the Belleville East boys basketball team.

BOYS BASKETBALL

But recognizing Hairston's ability doesn't make it any easier to stop him.

Hairston, a 6-foot-2 junior, is averaging 20 points per game

East junior averaging 20 points per game

for the Lancers, who took a 12-4 record into Thursday's semifinal game against Carbondale at the Belleville East Invitational.

A former East St. Louis resident, Hairston attended Dunbar School along with Darius Miles, now a 6-8 junior standout for East St. Louis Senior High. Miles played last

season for Lincoln, which merged with East St. Louis after the 1997-98 school year.

"We still talk and we're pretty good friends," Hairston said of his relationship with Miles. "We compare game situations and tell each other how we've been doing."

After sixth grade, Hairston's family moved to Fairview

Heights, where he played for two years at Grant Middle School. But he can't help but wonder what it would be like if he and Miles were teammates at East St. Louis.

"We'd be unstoppable," Hairston said. "We'd be real deep and real athletic. But I'm happy here. I love my teammates and my teammates. I'd rather be here than there."

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Tim Stephenson photo

Luke Forrester of the Illinois Warriors carries the puck in a recent game. The Warriors are tied for first in the MVCHA Northern Division. Granite City beat Bethalto Civic Memorial 3-1 Wednesday night.

## Illinois Warriors slam Civic Memorial

Sollberger scores two goals as Granite City overcomes 'cheap shot'

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Illinois Warriors took out Bethalto Civic Memorial 3-1 Wednesday night in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association play, but not

before one of their own players was taken away in an ambulance.

Warriors defenseman Billy Cahill, playing one of his best games of the year, was nailed from behind by an Eagles player in the waning minutes of the third period. Cahill crashed head-first into the boards and was unconscious for more than six minutes.

"Billy is all right; he's coherent," Granite City coach Paul Sollberger said. "I looked at it on tape. The kid came from the back side of the net and drove Billy's head into the boards. I think it was definitely a cheap shot and he has been noted for that around the league. He has been in trouble

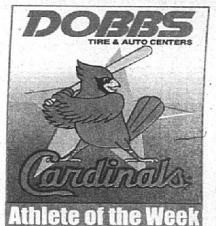
"I thought all in all, we picked up where we left off in the O'Fallon game. We had them back on their heels, we outplayed them."

Paul Sollberger

for that before, and it's the one thing we don't condone, and I won't condone. If you get beat, lose like a gentleman. It's not even worth elaborating on wasting my time talking about a piece of dirt like that."

Toward the end you could tell that they were getting upset with us and taking runs at us," said Robyn Slater, Cahill's partner on defense. "We were worried something like that might happen and it did. I didn't know what happened until afterward because their

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Athlete of the Week



# Crusaders overcome quantity with quality

## Althoff down to just eight wrestlers, but plans to have impact at regional

By Scott Marlon  
Staff writer

Althoff wrestling coach Greg Garland has one of the smallest teams in the Metro East, but he also has one of the most talented.

**PREP WRESTLING** Despite having to forfeit in several weight classes, the Crusaders have at least half a dozen wrestlers who should be a factor at the IHSA Class AA O'Fallon Regional on Feb. 6.

"We're down to eight kids on the team after starting the season with 13," said Garland, whose squad was 6-7 in dual matches heading into Thursday's matches at Alton against Belleville West and the host Redbirds.

"Some freshmen and some other kids quit," Garland said, "but wrestling is a tough sport and not everyone can do it."

"Last year, if you only count the matches we actually wrestled, we were undefeated in duals, but we only won 10 matches. It seems to be the same way this year. (Tuesday) night against Cahokia and Carbondale, we had six or seven forfeits. That's tough to overcome."

Althoff may not have depth, but its wrestlers aren't worried about a lack of respect from opponents.

"Some people may overlook us, but the majority of them know there will always be three or four of us who will be tough, and they're worried about us beating their kids out to go to state," said senior Blake Dintelman, who is 23-4 at 140 pounds. "We're not worried about the dual team record. It's more of an individual thing."

"We've almost always had a pretty small team, so it's not a factor anymore," said 215-pound junior Jerome Tilman. "You just have to work with your partner. Champions come in pairs."

Althoff's most successful wrestler last year was Dan Quartz, who placed third in the state tournament at 152 pounds after suffering his only loss of the season in the semifinals. This year, Quartz is 24-3 at 160, with all three losses at the Granite City Holiday Tournament in late December.

"That tournament had some of the top competition in the state," Garland said. "As bad as we wrestled, those kids only beat him out by one point."

"He's coming around now. He won the Quincy Tournament (Jan. 15-16) and he's looking real good. He'll be ready in February," Quartz believes he is back on track.

"I wasn't happy about the holiday

tournament, but I've got my partner back now," Quartz said, referring to 152-pound senior Andy Huskey, who missed most of the season after a football injury. "I have somebody to push me."

Huskey, who also missed the first half of his junior season, is 6-1 since returning to the lineup.

"He's had two knee surgeries, one last year and one this year, both due to football," Garland said. "He was out longer this year, but he came back in good shape. He's a definite threat in the regional and sectional."

His goal is to go to state, and once he gets there, he'll set another goal to place.

After the second surgery, Huskey had doubts if he would ever wrestle again.

"At first, I didn't think I would be able to (wrestle), but I just couldn't sit around and watch the guys practice," Huskey said. "My conditioning isn't as good, but otherwise it's about the same situation as last year. I should be all right come regional time."

Dintelman, meanwhile, rebounded from a poor Mascoutah Tournament in mid-December to place second at Granite City and first at Quincy.

"After the Mascoutah Tournament, he started picking up his work ethic and pushing

himself mentally and physically," Garland said. "He can compete with the best guys in the state of Illinois if he puts his mind to it."

Sophomore Dustin Schleeman is 22-1 at 130 pounds and placed first at Mascoutah and Granite City.

"His only loss came at Quincy, but he ran into the No. 1 ranked kid (in the state) from Rock Falls," Garland said. "He had trouble getting into shape because of bronchitis. It took him a couple weeks to get healthy and then something else would come up. If we can get him into condition, he'll definitely be one of the top wrestlers in his weight class."

Tilman could be a surprise at 215 pounds. "Jerome is a second-year wrestler, but he's gotten better and better," Garland said. "Even though he's 15-13, a lot of his losses were at heavyweight. He's another kid who will be a threat at the regional tournament."

Sophomore Matt Stump is 22-6 at 145 pounds.

"Coming into the season, he wasn't as far along as I wanted him to be, but in the last two weeks he's really picked it up," Garland said. "He's gotten better on his feet and better at shooting and he's attacking more. He has a real good chance of winning the regional."

## Collinsville claims another SWC win against Warriors

### Dow leads Kahoks with 17 points

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

For the second time in two weeks, the **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Collinsville girls basketball team was

victimized by the twin towers of Collinsville's frontcourt.

One of those towers, senior Autumn Dow, scored 17 points to lead the Kahoks to a 53-27 Southwestern Conference victory Friday night.

The Warriors were able to limit junior forward Amy Loftus to four points, but Loftus' presence created space for the Collinsville guards. Kim Stabenfeldt scored 13 points, including two 3-pointers, while Shannon DeLuca added 11.

"They tried to pack it in and we hit some shots," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "DeLuca hit four or five baseline jumpers that were big. It kind of made them change their defense a little bit."

"Stabenfeldt was strong against their press. We've seen them press and we know they are a good pressing team. We know they are a good team and we feel very fortunate to get out of here with a win. This is a tough place to play."

Collinsville raised its record to 14-6 overall, 5-2 in the Southwestern Conference.

"In the third quarter, we got it to within nine points and we just couldn't hit the big shot," Granite City coach John Moad said.

"Their size just wore us down. For us to make that run, we were hitting outside shots and their looks at the basket were from 7 to 10 feet and that makes a huge difference. We do not match up with that team very well. We don't have anybody who can guard Loftus or Dow. Their guards shot the ball very well tonight."

"Their size just wore us down... We do not match up with that team very well."

John Moad  
GCHS coach

Stabenfeldt shot the ball very well from the 3-point line and that makes it difficult.

"I thought the effort was there tonight," Moad said. "We played hard and our press got us back in the game in the second half, but when we have to hit jumpshots to get back in it and they are hitting seven-footers it makes it tough."

The Warriors fell to 2-5 in the SWC and 11-10 overall. "I think that we all played hard and we came out ready to play, but with Dow and Loftus we can do our best trying to guard them but they can shoot right over us," said Granite City senior Debra Aaron, who led the Warriors with eight points.

"It was a low-scoring game, so I guess compared to last time we did a lot better, but we have to make more of our shots. We basically did what we knew we had to do as well as we could."

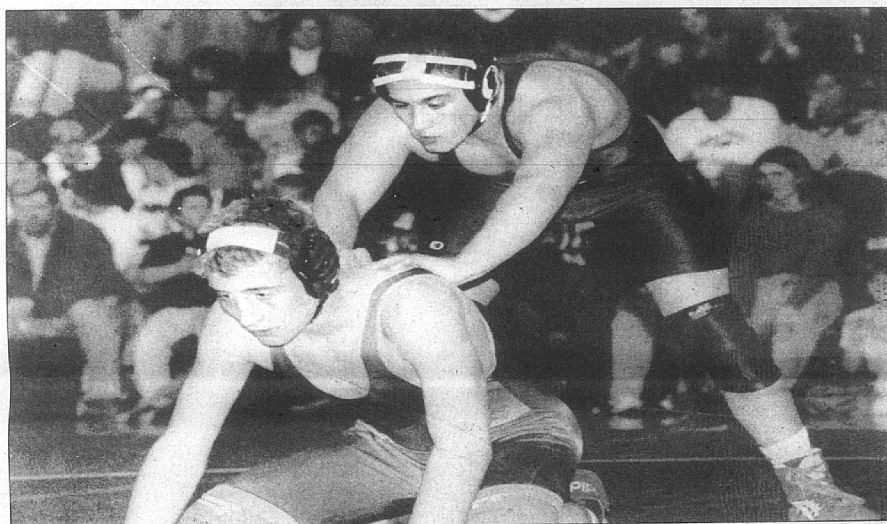
Jessica Wallace had six points for the Warriors and guard Erika Todd had four points to go with two steals and four assists. Tabby Duff had two points in her first start for the varsity.

Granite City hosts conference foe Edwardsville on Friday night.

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Granite City — Aaron 8, Wallace 6, Shanefelt 4, Todd 4, Withers 3, Duff 2, 2FG-9 3FG-2 FT-3



George Kirgan, on top, notched a pin at 160 pounds against Collinsville in a quad meet Friday. The match marked the first time the Warriors have wrestled against Kahoks coach Al Kirgan, George's father and a former coach for GCHS.

## Granite City wrestlers improve to 14-0

### Quad match includes dominant wins over Triad, Collinsville

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City wrestlers have their eyes on the ultimate

**PREP WRESTLING**

prize — the IHSA state championship — but they are not looking past the present.

The Warriors were in the process of sweeping through a quad Friday night at Triad with Triad, Collinsville and Jerseyville.

Granite City beat Triad 59-7 in its first match and defeated Collinsville 66-9 in the second match. The Warriors were to wrestle Jerseyville in the finale later Friday night.

Warriors freshman Jacob Janek saw his first action on the varsity and made the most of it. The 129-pounder beat Triad's

Mike Hampton in the 215-pound weight class. Granite City coach Mike Garland sent Janek out in the heavyweight match against Collinsville and Janek pinned Dennis Ponder at 1 minute, 21 seconds.

Janek, who has been wrestling since third grade, comes from a wrestling family. His brother Chris finished second in state (44-1) as a senior at Granite City and is a defensive lineman at the University of Wisconsin. His brother Jonas is a freshman 182-pounder in the wrestling program at Illinois College in Jacksonville.

The quad event marked the first time Granite City wrestled against former assistant Al Kirgan, who left last summer to become the wrestling coach at Collinsville. Kirgan watched his son, Granite City's 160-pound stand-out George Kirgan, pin Collinsville's Jason Amos in 1:43.

The Warriors also picked up pins from Steve Peach, Jake Triant, Tom Tedesco, Paul Johnson, Ryan Worden, Justin Hale, Bobby Grammer and Janek against the Kahoks. Ben Lofink, Brooks Narvaez and Kevin Venne also won their matches.

In the Warriors' win against Triad, Johnson, Lofink, Dennis Davis and Worden swept through the Knights in the 125 to 140 weight classes in a total of four minutes. Venne pinned Triad's Mike Hampton in 15 seconds at heavyweight.

Tedesco won a tight match, beating Andy Pani 7-6 at 119. Bobby Grammer kept up his recent strong performances, taking out 169-pound Jarrod Moore with a technical fall at 4:49.

The Warriors ran their record to 14-0 after the victory against Collinsville.

## Granite City Park District plans meeting for Tuesday

The Granite City Park District's Youth Baseball/Ponytail Softball organizational meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, at the corner of Amos and Franklin

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avenues. The meeting is for managers of teams in last year's program and for those who would like to manage a team this year.

Those who plan to manage should attend. Rules for the coming season will be discussed. For more information, call 877-3069.

### SIVE baseball clinics

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville will offer the following baseball clinics at the Vadalabene Center:

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• A catching clinic from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6. The cost is \$50.

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All clinics are for players ages 10-18. For registration information, call the SIVE athletic department at 650-2871.

### Baseball camps

FAO Sports Camps and Belleville Area College baseball coach Neil Flala will offer winter hitting, fielding and pitching camps at BAC on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 1 and scheduled through the end of April. The hitting camps are \$55

per session and the pitching camp is \$50.

For a registration sheet, call 235-2700, extension 5371.

### Baseball instruction

Current Fontbonne College Baseball coach Darin Hendrickson is available by appointment for 30-minute sessions giving instruction in pitching, throwing and hitting. Hendrickson has numerous camp and instruction experience. He served as the

coordinator of the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville baseball camp from 1992-95 and most recently as the co-coordinator for Washington University's baseball camp.

He was named SLIAC Coach of the Year during 1998, leading Fontbonne to its first-ever National Tournament appearance. He was also named Coach of the CCLC's Alton-Bluff City Bombers Team. Hendrickson also throws batting practice nightly for the St. Louis Cardinals. He has won five straight Mon-Clair League earned run average titles as well.

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# Illinois Warriors slam Civic Memorial

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player was in the way. (The Bethalto player) was going in for a hit no matter what. He was going in without caution and didn't care if Billy turned or not. Most players have some concern for other players. Something should have been done about it."

Cahill ended up with a slight concussion and may be ready to play in tonight's game against Roxana. "I thought Billy Cahill had an excellent game," Solberger said. "I think it was definitely one of his best

games. He was consistent throughout the game and earlier in the year he's had times where he's played real well and then let off a little bit. He stepped up."

Cahill played a big part in the Warriors' second goal. After Jared Brown had given Granite an early lead, Cahill followed David Svezia's rush to the net. Svezia passed from behind the net to Cahill, and Brett Solberger picked up the rebound to give the Warriors the lead for good. Solberger also scored the Warriors' final goal in the third period. "That's one thing we've worked on, feeding the

points, getting the shots, getting a big guy in front of the net," Paul Solberger said. "Billy pinched in and it's something we've worked on in practice time and time again."

"All of our defensemen played well. Eric Wright played well. Robyn Slater cut down their players a couple of times and picked off some passes. (Scottie Bronnauer) stepped up and did a nice job in the nets. They tipped a couple of shots and he responded. It's nice to see that what we work on in practice pays off because we worked an entire practice shooting at Scottie with a man in front tipping the puck. It helps him get used to it."

"I thought all in all, we picked up where we left off in the O'Fallon game. We had them back on their heels, we outplayed them. Brett executed exactly what we worked on with him in practice — going to the net, looking for the rebound, looking for the shot. Ben Tobin is a great goalie and you usually aren't going to beat him on the first shot, you have to beat him on the second. Brett, with his size, stood in there, showed a lot of heart and character by taking the beating the defensemen were giving him, doing his job and burying it in the net. "The one goal we let in,

we got kind of caught in a defensive transition again and we didn't get back and didn't pick up our man and he broke in and scored."

"We played a really good game, especially offensively," Slater said. "We have been working a lot on getting the rebounds and putting traffic in front and we did that really well tonight."

The Warriors raised their season record to 8-3, which put them in a tie for first in the MVCHA Northern Division with Edwardsville. "We've been inconsistent this year," Solberger said. "Against the good teams, we've come out and played well and then we've given some games away. We've come back and the kids are working through it. They are more consistent. We're trying to get ready for some playoff hockey and we would like to win our division, to show these guys where we're at. I think last year, even though we won the championship, we peaked a little early and struggled a little bit in the playoffs before regrouping in the championship game. The thing that all coaches look for is the kids to be at their peak at playoff time and I think over the last few games we have been picking up our intensity. I can just hope that when the playoffs come, we can make a run and be at the top of our game."

# Granite City feels foggy after rally

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for the Comets on a blast from the point at 9:58 of the third while McCluer was on the power play.

Subre restored the Warriors' three-goal lead and completed his hat-trick two minutes later when he stole the puck, broke in alone and roofed it over Stelling's left shoulder.

But then the deluge began. The Comets scored four goals in less than four minutes to take an 8-7 lead with 3:55 to play.

"I think we came unfocused," Pritchard said. "We thought we had it won already. They just put it to us and the ice was real slow and we weren't hustling back on defense, backchecking, and they were getting opportunities on three-on-two's and two-on-one's."

The Warriors, looking like their coffin had been sealed shut with a pneumatic nailgun, got the split when Pritchard burned a path through the fog and rifled a backhand that hit a Comets player and tailed into the net with 12 seconds to play.

"It's real disappointing having that big of a lead and then losing it," Pritchard said. "I was happy that we came back, though."

"We gave up a three-goal

lead twice tonight, which was pretty poor," said Granite City assistant coach Matt Laub. "The second period was excellent. We won the second period, but other than that they didn't hustle. We didn't backcheck very well in the first period and the third period. We had a letdown there and we tried to get them to keep going. I don't know what the problem was."

"At the start of the first period, they just weren't involved in the game; they weren't thinking," Laub added. "We tried to correct that but it just didn't work. When they were coming to the bench, we kept talking to them, trying to keep them focused and told them that they needed to pick it up. We had an opportunity to put that game away if we would have put in more goals. We tried to encourage them to go for double digits, but they just didn't perform and it didn't happen. The goaltending could have been a little better tonight, to say the least. "We should have won that game and we were lucky to get a tie. It's very disappointing."

The Warriors face Hazelwood East tonight at the North County complex in St. Louis County. They close the regular season Thursday at home against St. Charles.

# Hairston has been unstoppable for Lancers

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As a sophomore, Hairston started only one game, replacing Josh Helbig (now at

Cal State-Fullerton) at the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic. But Hairston got plenty of playing time and was one of East's best players by the end of the season.

"I've become a lot more confident this year," Hairston said. "The experience I got last year helped me a lot. "His success this season surprised me, too. I thought I would play OK, but I'm way better than last year. I've played hard every game. I've improved my defense and my ability to run the floor and finish off big plays."

Hairston has played select basketball since eighth grade and played last year for the St. Louis Eagles AAU team. His teammates included Belleville West's DeMarco Smith, East St. Louis' Philip Gilbert, O'Fallon's Anthony McClellan and Michael Pugh and Alton's DeMarco Snipes.

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Stetson Hairston  
Belleville East junior

"I feel right at home (on the court)," Hairston said. "I'm not scared of anything."

Hairston comes from a sports-minded family. His stepbrother, Edric Russell, played basketball at East last season.

"My family is my support," Hairston said. "We have a lot of athletes, but they all play football. They come back from school and help me get my head straight."

Hairston should be one of the area's top NCAA Division I recruits next season. Missouri,

Saint Louis University, Iowa State, Indiana State, Illinois State, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and Valparaiso are among the schools that have already shown interest.

"It shocked me at the beginning of this year because I didn't think I was going to be this good, but I got used to it," Hairston said of the attention he's receiving. He plans to make a verbal commitment before the start of next season.

# Venice holds off Columbia in tourney

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while assuming a 45-38 bulge. Columbia (7-10) twice drew to within two points in the final minute but Roberts' free throws helped seal the Eagles fate.

"We're playing hard," Touchette said. "We've had two nice games that we feel like we should have got. We've just got to keep playing hard. Things will turn. We're too good of shooters not to be converting from the line."

Reid Jones led Columbia with 14 points despite picking

up his third foul early in the second quarter. Eric Stechmesser chipped in with 12 points while Ryan Hansen scored 11.

Chatman paced Venice with 16 points while Lon Cole and Richard Barney each scored 12 points.

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Sat. Jan. 23	Chat. Glenwood/Mattoon/Mascoutah	11:00 PM	Chatham
Tue. Jan. 26	Collinsville I(JV/Frosh)	6:00 PM	Away
Fri. Jan. 29	E. St. Louis (JV/Var)	4:00 PM	Home
Sat. Jan. 30	Mahomet-Seymour Quad (Var)	2:00 PM	Away
Sat. Jan. 30	Belleville West Frosh Tourn.	9:00 AM	Away
Sat. Feb. 6	IHSA Regional		TBA
Sat. Feb. 12-13	IHSA Sectionals		Granite City
Sat. Feb. 19-20	IHSA State		Univ. Of Illinois
Tue. Feb. 23	IHSA Team Sectional		TBA
Sat. Feb. 27	IHSA Team State		TBA

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Jan. 26	at Bowland Vs. Alton
Jan. 28	at Bowland Vs. Edwardsville
Feb. 1, 2, 3	Girls SIHSBC Championship
Feb. 6	Girls IHSA Sectionals
Feb. 16, 17, 18	Boys SIHSBC Championship
Feb. 20, 21	Boys State Tournament
March 2	SIHSBC Banquet

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Wed. Jan. 20, 23	Salem Tournament	TBA	Away
Fri. Jan. 29	Edwardsville	6:15 PM	Away
Sat. Jan. 30	Alton	6:15 PM	Away
Fri. Feb. 5	Belleville East	6:15 PM	Home
Fri. Feb. 12	Belleville West	6:15 PM	Away
Fri., Feb. 19	E. St. Louis SR	6:15 PM	Home
Sat., Feb. 20	Collinsville	6:15 PM	Away
Tues., Feb. 23	Alton	6:15 PM	Home
Mon. Mar. 1-3	IHSA Regionals	TBA	TBA
Tue., Mar. 9-12	IHSA Sectionals	TBA	SIU-E
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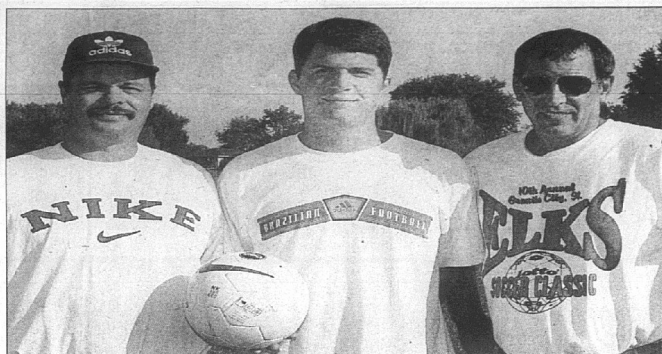
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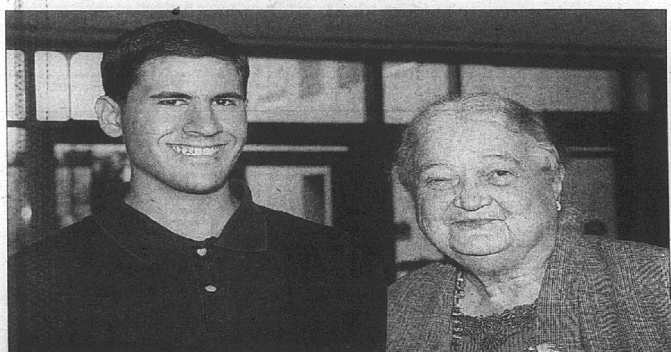


## Scholarship recipients

The Belleville Area College Foundation recently announced its 1998-99 scholarship recipients. Above left, students Monique Flager of Belleville, left, and Jeanna Shemonic of Steelville, recipients of U.S. Rep. Jerry F. Costello Scholarships, are pictured with Costello. The scholarships are awarded to residents of U.S. Congressional District 12: one from St. Clair County or Madison County and another from Monroe County or Randolph County. Recipients are returning adult



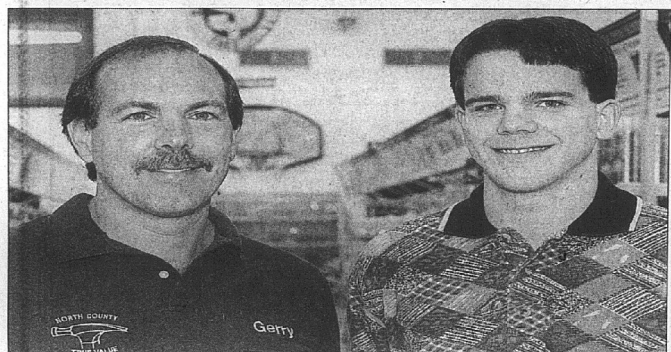
students, enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours and having completed a minimum of six credit hours. Above right, student Dennis Holland, center, of Granite City, recipient of the Granite City Elks Club Soccer Scholarship, is pictured with Larry Petri, left, BAC soccer coach, and Randy Witter, youth athletic director for the Granite City Elks Club. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student on the BAC soccer team who lives in Granite City.



Student Geoff Rittler of Steelville, recipient of the William Howard Davis Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with Lucille Davis of Belleville. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year pre-engineering student.



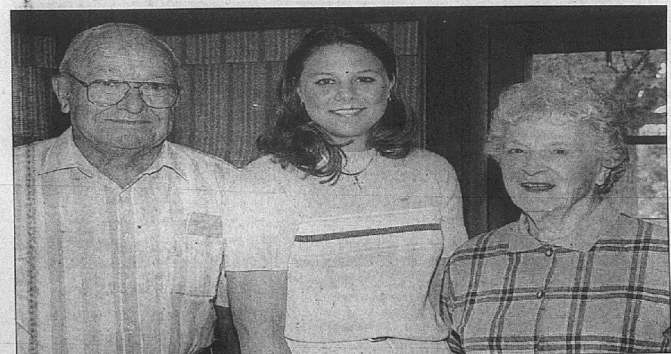
Student Carol Horn of Belleville, recipient of the William H. Mentzer Scholarship, is pictured with Mentzer's son, Tom. Mentzer's family established the award in his memory. The award is given to a full- or part-time student who lives in the Belleville area.



Student Curtis Stoll of Red Bud, right, recipient of the North County True Value Home Center Scholarship, is pictured with Gerry Niermann, True Value owner. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student pursuing a business-related career who lives in Red Bud or Randolph County.



Student Michelle Gagnon of Maryville, recipient of the Egyptian Radio Club Scholarship, is pictured with Tod West, club treasurer. The scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student attending classes on the Granite City Campus.



Student Stephanie Scharf, center, of Smithton, recipient of the Orison and Fern Seibert Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with the Seiberts. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who recently graduated from Freeburg High School and is committed to earning a higher degree.



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# Highlights in the life of Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II was born on May 18, 1920, in Wloclaw, Poland. He was the first non-European pope in the history of the Roman Catholic Church.

He was elected pope in 1978, becoming the first Polish pope. He is known for his strong commitment to human rights and social justice.

He has traveled extensively throughout the world, visiting over 100 countries. He is particularly known for his visits to Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

He has been a vocal advocate for the poor and the oppressed. He has called for a "theology of the body" and a "theology of the family."

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He has been a strong supporter of the Church's teachings on the afterlife. He has called for a "theology of the soul" and a "theology of the body."

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# Rigali takes inspiration from pope

## Archbishop worked closely with John Paul II

By Clayton Barry Staff writer

St. Louis Archbishop Justin F. Rigali has worked closely with Pope John Paul II since his arrival in the United States in 1979.

The pope's visit to St. Louis in 1982 was a historic moment for the city and the Church. Rigali was one of the few American bishops to meet with the pope.

Rigali has been a vocal supporter of the pope's teachings and his efforts to reform the Church. He has called for a "theology of the body" and a "theology of the family."

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celebrate Mass here will be personally uplifting for Rigali.

"It's a great joy to have the pope come and be with us," Rigali said.

"He's been a personal inspiration to me over the years."

Rigali said the pope's visit will bring the area's half-million Catholics together. The pope is the pastor of the universal Church (especially in the experience of Catholicism).

All dioceses and parishes have a relationship with him, Rigali said. The pope is the head of the Church.

"For Catholics, it is an experience of unity," Rigali said. "He is the chief shepherd of the whole flock."

Rigali said the moving experience is not limited to Catholics. Other Christians, he said, look to the pope as a Christian brother.

The day the pope's visit was announced, April 23, Rigali attended a luncheon with other religious leaders in the community.

His Christian colleagues asked if they could pray for the pope.

People of other faiths also reach out to the pope, Rigali said. The pope's message crosses religious boundaries, he said.

"The pope's message is extremely relevant to what you see is what you get," Rigali said. "His message of human dignity, his message of social justice, his message of solidarity among peoples, this is extremely important."

It is a message Rigali will be listening to closely.

## "Light of the World" Papal Youth Gathering

"Light of the World" youth gathering seeks to create a prayerful, high energy environment for young people to celebrate their baptismal commitment.

The all-day gathering and celebration leads up to a special prayer service with Pope John Paul II. The "Light of the World" event consists of three parts:

**Walk in the Light** is a massive and festive one-mile youth walk from the Gateway Arch grounds.

When the walk begins at approximately 9:30 a.m., many will arrive at the Arch grounds before and after. Participants will arrive at the Kiel Center at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Where: Walk in the Light begins at the Arch grounds and continues down Market Street to the Kiel Center. The walk will end at the Kiel Center, where all participants will enter the Papal Plaza.

Who: Walk in the Light is especially directed towards young people of all ages. It is expected that all those participating in the Kiel event will take part in the walk. All those who wish to take part in the Papal Plaza event will also likely attend. The walk, however, is open to families and individuals of all ages and faiths.

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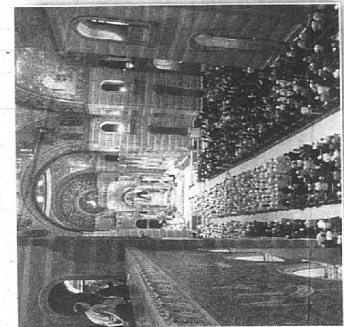
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## Schedule of events



Rock Gable photo  
The interior of the Cathedral Basilica during the recent funeral of Cardinal John Carberry. Pope John Paul II will hold an evening prayer service at the cathedral Wednesday evening.

**Papal Plaza Venue** What: The Papal Plaza event is an all-day outdoor venue open to all, but oriented to young people, with a program of music, speakers and activities. It will culminate in the Holy Father's parade route which will pass by the arch and the prayer service in the Kiel.

Who: The venue is open to anyone who wishes to take part in the celebration of the Holy Father's visit.

Where: The Papal Plaza consists of six city blocks bordered by Tucker Blvd., 18th St., Pine St. and Market St. When: The area will open in the morning at approximately 9:30 a.m. and will close at the evening after the departure of the Holy Father.

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# Extensive travel part of pontiff's job

By Michael Pirodd

After making 84 trips to more than 100 foreign lands, Pope John Paul II is regarded as the most well-traveled pope ever.

Valentin sources estimate the pontiff has logged more than 700,000 miles during his 20 years as head of the Roman Catholic Church, which is evident by the fact that when he gets here, the president and vice president will be here to greet him."

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## Extra buses, Metrolink scheduled

By Julie Deakin

St. Louis officials said they hope those who use public transportation exercise some patience as delays are expected when Pope John Paul II arrives in town.

Linda Hancock, a spokeswoman for the Bi-State Development Agency, said the agency will increase its bus and Metrolink operations during the pope's visit on Jan. 26 and 27.

Public transportation officials predicted there will be at least 300,000 people coming from outside the St. Louis area to witness the event.

Bi-State will operate extra buses to alleviate any overcrowding or scheduled delays that may occur.

Hancock said "delays will be unavoidable during certain time periods, especially during the parade. The delays will especially affect riders Downtown and in the Central West End."

The Metrolink light rail system will run continuously from 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 26 to 1 a.m. on Jan. 27.

# Pope to bring message of hope

St. Louis trip expected to be John Paul II's only to U.S. this year

By Clayton Barry

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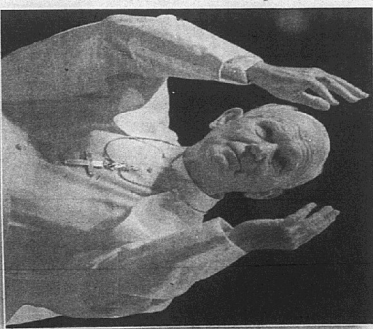
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Pope John Paul II will travel to St. Louis this week to send his message of peace.

## Meticulous planning goes into organizing papal visit

By Larina Marie Heel

Managing Robert Silka, coordinator for the papal visit, said planning has included more than anyone could have anticipated.

The Archbishop of St. Louis began planning Pope John Paul II's arrival about a week before the trip was announced in April.

Visit planners have been meticulous. The Archbishop's web site (www.archstl.org) features a schedule that outlines the pope's visit in half-hour increments.

Telephone calls—including 2,000 the second week of January—said down several Archdiocese phone systems, he said.



Silka

"We are overwhelmed by the response," Silka said. "Even on the streets, the visit of the people are excited."

Silka and other members of the Archdiocese coordinated rest coordinators of rapid visits to Brooklyn, N.Y., Baltimore and Denver.

"Then, a number of us flew to Washington, D.C., to meet with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops," Silka said. "They gave us a sense of structure and some advice."

After this meeting, planning committee members began examining potential venues and activities. Members then made recommendations to the Vatican.

Security will be tight. Within two days of the announcement being made, Silka was contacted by the FBI and Secret Service, he said.

"The pope is the head of state, as well as the head of the Catholic Church," Silka said. "All the law enforcement (people) we've worked with have been very professional."

Credit for planning the pope's visit cannot be attributed to merely one or two people, Silka said. There wasn't one particular person leading the way, he said.

"The entire community, Catholic and non-Catholic, really stepped in," Silka said. The number of volunteers helping with the visit is between 5,000 and 6,000. There are volunteers from as far away as Kentucky and Minnesota, Silka said.

While it's been impossible to stress the number of people who will line the streets to see the pope, Silka said, "I expect large, large crowds."

All the planning in the world can't determine the real question surrounding the pope's visit. What will the weather be like? "People have been praying for good weather," Silka said. "Now that I see the weather report for next week, I think it's all going to fall into place."

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Feb. 20-Mar. 12 - His first worldwide tour for his papacy.

1945  
Jan. 18 - Visited Armed Forces Home in New York.

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Apr. 5 - Elected independent of student organizations at Jagiellonian University.

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Nov. 1 - Ordained as a priest, Jagiellonian University in Poland.

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Nov. 2 - Chosen as the first pope to be elected by the Roman Catholic Church.

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# Vestments symbolize sanctity of pontiff

## O'Fallon nuns made two for Pope John Paul II to wear during St. Louis visit

By Steven Martens  
Staff writer

One of the most recognizable symbols of the papacy is the attire the pope wears. The papal vestments, the special articles of clothing, are both historic and sacred to Catholics worldwide.

Members of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in O'Fallon, Mo. are helping the pope will wear the two vestments during his visit to St. Louis Jan. 26 and 27.

About 15 members of the order worked about 180 hours sewing a stole and mitre for the pope, said Sister Hilarius Powers, a member of the Most Precious Blood order.

The stole, a long, scarf-like garment, was hand-embroidered on the right side with symbols of the disciples.

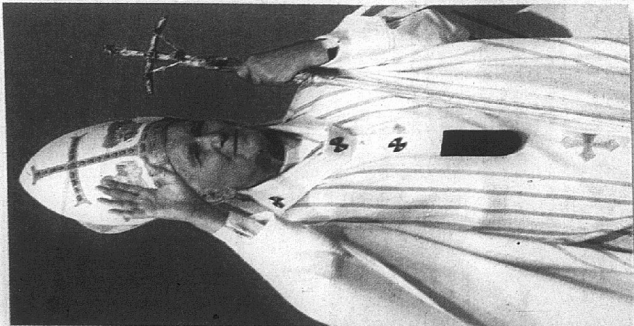
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. On the left side are portraits of the three patron saints of the City of St. Louis: St. Philip the Apostle, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louis, Powers said.

The stole also has been embroidered with the pope's coat of arms

and a fleur-de-lis, a symbol of St. Louis. The mitre, a hat with peaks in the front and back, was embroidered with the cross of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and a fleur-de-lis.

The sisters, who usually make pupit hangings and other decorations for churches of all denominations, were honored to be asked by the Archdiocese to make the gifts for the pontiff, Powers said.

"It was a great privilege to do it," Powers said.



Pope John Paul II's attire holds religious meaning. According to the book, "The Sacristy Manual," by Thomas Ryan and G. Thomas Ryan, the origin of



Roys photo  
Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in O'Fallon, Mo., worked on the mitre and stole for the pope. From left, Sisters Hilarius Powers, Barbara Pierce, Isabelle Walsh, Christine Foster and Mica Marie Spire created the vestments.

# Schedule of events

Pope John Paul II is coming to St. Louis Jan. 26-27 on a "pastoral visit" at the invitation of Archbishop Justin Rigali. The Pope will be coming from Mexico, where he is celebrating the conclusion of the Synod for America. Below is an official schedule of public events surrounding the Holy Father's visit.

**Tuesday, January 26**  
9 a.m. Walk in the Light Prayer Service at Youth Rally at Kiel Center. (Speech) Cardinals and Bishops at Archbishop's Residence

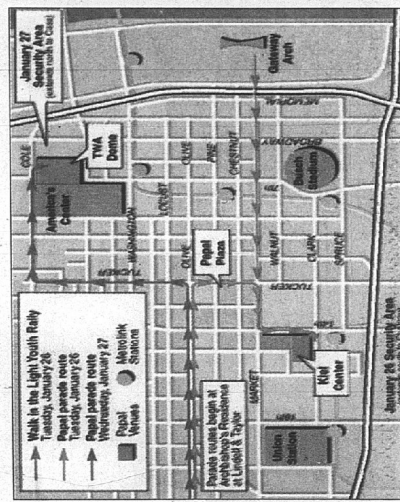
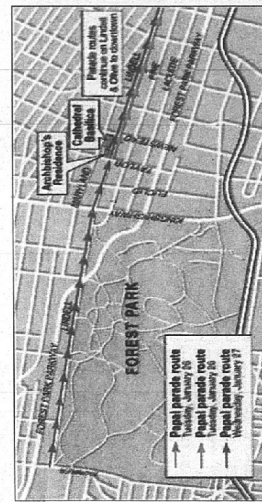
**Wednesday, January 27**  
12:30 p.m. Kiel Center Youth Rally begins  
8 a.m. Transfer by pope-mobile to Trans World Dome  
11 a.m. Holy Father arrives at Lambert Field. Welcome and tours America's Center  
2 p.m. Holy Father celebrates Mass in Trans World Dome. (Homily)  
5:30 p.m. Transfer by pope-mobile to Kiel Center  
6 p.m. Holy Father begins Prayer Service at Youth Rally at Kiel Center. (Speech) Cardinals and Bishops at Archbishop's Residence

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# Street closings/restrictions

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**Walk in the Light Youth Rally**  
Tuesday, January 26  
15th Street within the boundaries of the Papal Village will be closed from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 26 through Jan. 27, on-street deliveries in the entire downtown area.



Dec. 13 - John Paul II invited to visit St. Louis, Missouri, during his pastoral visit to the United States.

Feb. 12-19 - Pastoral visit to Nigeria, Benin, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

Mar. 21 - Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the World Day of Prayer.

May 12-15 - Pastoral visit to Portugal, one year after assassination attempt on his life in St. Peter's Square.

May 22 - Mass for peace and unity between Argentina and Uruguay.

June 14-15 - Pastoral visit to the Philippines.

July 7 - John Paul II made U.S. President Ronald Reagan for first time their pledge to work for world peace and justice.

June 13 - Pastoral visit to Argentina, in relation to war with Great Britain.

Aug. 25 - Pastoral visit to Geneva, Switzerland.

Aug. 25 - Pastoral visit to San Marino and Thrift.

Sept. 15 - Private meeting with Yasser Arafat on prospects for peace in Middle East.

Oct. 31 - Pastoral visit to Lebanon, after murder of president-elect Shafiq Gemayel.

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Nov. 21-22 - Pastoral visit to Lebanon and Jordan.

Jan. 14-15 - Pastoral visit to Poland.

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Sept. 19-21 - Pastoral visit to Bolivia.

Dec. 27 - Visit to Bolivia prison and meeting with All Ages.

1984  
May 21-22 - Pastoral visit to Korea, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Thailand.

June 12-13 - Pastoral visit to Canada.

Sept. 9-20 - Pastoral visit to Venezuela, Spain, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

1985  
Jan. 25-26 - 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

July 10 - Pastoral visit to Ecuador, Peru, Thailand and Venezuela.

Feb. 15 - Audience with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Feb. 27 - Official visit of Foreign Minister of USSR Andrei Gromyko.

May 11-21 - Pastoral visit to Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Belgium.

Aug. 8-19 - Pastoral visit to Togo, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Republic of Central Africa, Zaire, Mexico, Morocco.

Sept. 8 - Pastoral visit to Sudan, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

Nov. 17 - Personal message of Pope to Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev for Geneva summit.

1986  
Jan. 31-Feb. 10 - Pastoral visit to Italy.

Feb. 13-15 - Pastoral visit with President Arafat to Jordan.

July 13 - Visit to Brazil's state congress.

July 14 - Pastoral visit to Colombia and Santa Lucia.

Oct. 4-7 - Pastoral visit to France.

Nov. 18-Dec. 1 - Pastoral visit to Bangladesh, Singapore, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Australia and Seychelles.

1987  
Jan. 13 - Audience with President of Council of People's Republic of Poland, General Wojciech Jaruzelski.

Mar. 31-Apr. 13 - Pastoral visit to Uruguay, Chile, Argentina.

Apr. 30-May 4 - Pastoral visit to Federal Republic of Germany.

June 6 - Visit of President Ronald Reagan.

June 8-14 - Pastoral visit to Mexico.

Sept. 10-21 - Pastoral visit to U.S. and Canada.

Sept. 17 - Mass with AIDS patients in St. Peter's Basilica.